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JUVE v ROMA

Ref goofed, so replay ordered

By LAURIE SCHWAB



John Margaritis

In what must be world first, a Victorian match was ordered to be replayed after the referee said he had made a mistake in sending a player off.

Williamstown, which won the match against Seaford, 5-4 on penalties, is appealing against the decision.

The appeal is to be heard tomorrow (Thursday).

The match was a semi-final of the Victorian Provisional League Cup.

Seaford appealed after losing the match.

Two players had been sent off — Ray Bryden of Seaford and Dusko Atanasovski of Williamstown.

In his report, the referee, John Snowball, said he erred in showing Bryden the red card, believing wrongly he had shown Bryden the yellow card earlier.

So the Provisional League disputes committee ordered the match to be replayed!

Williams town says it did not hear until the day before, that a protest had been lodged.

If a referee decided he erred in awarding a penalty, would the tribunal later have the match replayed?

Similarly with a free kick that results in a goal?

Apparently not, according to expert advice, but it's all up to the appeals board.

Meanwhile, Cup finalist Pascoe Vale, which has postponed its end of season trip, waits for an opponent.

Ille leaves J.U.S.T.

Footscray J.U.S.T. and its coach, Rocco Ille, have parted company.

The club is trying to get a coach from Yugoslavia.

Some say it will be Alex Jagodic, who played for J.U.S.T. in the early sixties.

However, it is likely the job will be offered to former coach, Cedo Cirkovic.

Sekularac here

Dragoslav Sekularac, one of the greatest Yugoslav players of all time, is in Australia for appearances in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

He is expected to play in a veterans' game at Schnitter Reserve, Footscray, at the weekend.

He'll be in Adelaide from November 1 to 8 and then moves on to Sydney.

Sekularac was an inside forward with Red Star Belgrade and played 39 games for Yugoslavia.

He was in Australia for the 1956 Olympic Games, where Yugoslavia won the silver medal, and he won the gold in Rome in 1960.

Sekularac also was the outstanding player of the Yugoslav team that finished fourth in the 1962 World Cup in Chile.

And now for goals!



The pressure of World Cup soccer is etched on the faces of Israeli and Australian players as they wait to contest a high ball at Olympic Park last Sunday. From left: Zion Marill, David Pizanti, David Ratcliffe, Rifat Turk, Arie Haviv, Avi Cohen, Yaakov Ekhoz and David Mitchell. Picture: LES SHORROCK

AUSTRALIA 1 (Ratcliffe 32nd) ISRAEL 1 (Cohen 48th), Oceania World Cup qualifying match at Olympic Park, Sunday. Crowd: 27,000. Referee: Jose Rosa Dos Santos (Port.). Cautions: Davidson, Kosima (Aust.), Kirat, Turk (Is.) sent off; Ohana (Is.) 65th.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy 10 — Yankos 8 — Davidson 4, Ratcliffe 8, O'Connor 7, Jennings 8 — Watson 7 (Patikas 82nd), Odzakov 6, Cirno 7 — Kosima 7, Mitchell 9. Coach: Frank Arok.

ISRAEL: Haviv 8 — Kirat 9, Cohen 8, Ekhoz 6, Marill 6 — Turk 7 (Rosenthal 69th), Mamillan 7, (Selectable 78th), Pizanti 7, Sinal 7 — Armeli 6, Chana 8 (Sent off 65th). Coach: Joe Mirovitch.

Jim Patikas and Graham Arnold have been called into the Socceroo team to help score a bagful of goals against Taiwan.

Whether they play at St. George Stadium in Sydney on Sunday, as well as Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide tonight (Wednesday), remains to be seen.

Certainly both will be on a three-man forward line, along with David Mitchell tonight, but John Kosima's return on Sunday after a one-match suspension may force either Patikas or Arnold back to the bench.

Alternatively, Patikas could drop back into midfield.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The aim in these two matches is to score as many goals as possible, just in case goal difference decides the Oceania group winner.

Israel scored 11 goals in two games against Taiwan. New Zealand notched 10. Australia's aim in the first match tonight, is seven goals, according to coach Frank Arok.

Alan Davidson's World Cup progress is in doubt after his performance against Israel in Melbourne last Sunday.

The back injury for which he still wears a protective brace, appears to have destroyed his confidence and confidence, He will be rested in the team in Adelaide, and remains to be seen whether he can prove his fitness for the remaining matches.

My personal opinion is that he should give himself a rest. There is no point in risking more severe injury. His welfare is at stake, and only if he allows himself to recuperate his health, will Davidson again rise to the ranks of the elite.

Meanwhile, Ian Gray, Tommy McCullough and even Mike Petersen are available for the right back position. Alternatively, Zarko Odzakov could move back there, with one of the other three going into midfield, or Jim Patikas dropping back for the game in Sydney.

The crunch game for Australia will be against New Zealand in Sydney on Sunday week.

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Rufers to play

New Zealand's World Cup prospects have been enhanced considerably by the availability of both Rufer brothers, Wynton and Shane, for all remaining games against Australia and Israel.

Announcing the news, delighted All Whites' coach Kevin Fallon expressed his appreciation to both the management of FC Zurich, the Rufers' employer, and the club's players who had rallied together to secure the Kiwi pair's release.

This was in marked contrast with the attitude displayed by the staff at Wolverhampton Wanderers, who have been negative in respect of Ricki Herbert's possible release.

At the time of writing, it is not known if the tall central defender will line up against Israel and Australia, but Fallon declared he is "not optimistic."



Dragoslav Sekularac with NSL vice-president Tony Kovac.

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Welcome Caszely,
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Hector Chumpitaz and Carlos Caszely are two of the finest players in South American football over more than a decade, are guesting in the All-Nations Cup being played at St. George Stadium in

National coach Frank Arok, who also is manager-coach of St. George, is rumored to be very keen to sign Arnold.

We already know of Arok's interest in Heidelberg Alexander striker Stuart Stevenson and if Arok is successful, he'll have formed one of the deadliest striking partnerships in Australia.

Apart from signing Winn, Inter-Monaro also expects to snare a midfielder from Melbourne.

— CRAIG MCKENZIE

Perkins quits in protest

Charlie Perkins quit top-level soccer last week, declaring both the ASF and the National League lack adequate leadership.

"Soccer will remain the sleeping giant of Australian sport unless there is a dynamic new approach to leadership," Perkins said.

He added the poor administration of soccer prohibited involvement by the Australian public, development of junior soccer and the attainment of suitable sponsorship.

Perkins, champion of Aboriginal causes — he is himself an Aboriginal — has withdrawn from the presidency of the Australian Olympic Committee.

He was player-coach of Pan Hellenic in Sydney and Croatia and Budapest in Adelaide, where he also captained the South Australian State team.

He played for Bankstown in Sydney and had a year on trial with Everton in England.

As he stepped down last week, he repeated the call that ASF president Sir Arthur George should step down and allow someone else to take over the reins.

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The All-Nations Cup has been on for two weeks, and will go through until November 30.

Sixteen teams are split into four groups, and four games are played every Saturday and Sunday from 2 pm. Matches are 70 minutes long.

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TAIWAN THE PAWN IN FIFA POLITICS

By PAUL MOON

Taiwanese soccer is known as a pawn in international sports politics, rather than for any exploits on the field. The Taiwanese have proved mere fodder for Israel and New Zealand so far, yet they have earned a distinguished place in Asian football annals.

Taiwan plays Australia tonight (Wednesday) in Adelaide and in Sydney on Sunday. Both games will be shown on SBS TV.

The contrived and illegal banishment of Taiwan from the Asian Confederation in 1976 paved the way for the People's Republic of China's return to international soccer. Taiwan although retaining membership of FIFA, plays under the imposed title of China Taipei (as if there were a Dutch or Botswanan Taipei), rather than the preferred Republic of China.

The Taiwanese federation's claimed date of foundation, 1936, is somewhat misleading, as it relates to the autonomous soccer section of the old China National Amateur Athletics Federation at Nanking on the mainland.

This was reconstituted as the China National Football Association in the early 1950s at Taipei. Prior to Chiang Kai Shek's retreat to Taiwan in 1949, the island was a dormant soccer backwater.

Taiwan's early ventures into the international arena proved extremely successful.

Somewhat provocatively, she fielded teams comprised mainly of Hong Kong-based professionals who had been born in mainland China.

Although many of them had never previously set foot on Taiwanese soil, they wore "their" country's colors with great distinction.

Not only was the Asian Games title gained in Manila in 1954, but it was retained at Tokyo four years later. It was little wonder that Taiwan was installed as favorite to represent the Afro-Asian zone in the 1958 World Cup finals.

Surprisingly, Indonesia eliminated Taiwan 5-4. The Indonesians however subsequently withdrew, rather than face Israel at the next stage of the qualifying rounds.

Taiwan had high and seemingly legitimate hopes of being asked to stand in for its conqueror, but FIFA decreed to nominate Wales runner up in a European qualifying section. The Welshmen duly disposed of Israel and went on to become quarter-finalists in Sweden.

Qualification for the 1960 Olympic Games finals came as a slight consolation, but here results were disappointing — defeats suffered at the hands of host Italy (1-4), Brazil (0-5) and Great Britain (2-3).

In Asia, Taiwan remained a force until the middle of the decade. Third in the 1960 Asian Cup, it won the Merdeka Tournament three years later and shared the 1965 event with South Korea.

From that point on though, Taiwan's standing slipped, despite enjoying the services of a player who must be rated among the Orient's all-time best, until the early 1970s.

Cheung Che Doy, an exquisitely skilled centre forward, experienced professionals in England (with Blackpool, then a First Division outfit) and North America (Vancouver Royals and Rudi Guller's St. Louis Stars). For many years, he was an automatic choice for Asian All-Star selections.

The growing popularity of baseball, table tennis and basketball, plus the shortage of adequate playing pitches on the overcrowded island have conspired to stunt soccer's development. No longer able to call upon professionals born in the People's Republic, the national side fares poorly on the few occasions it appears.

After missing the four previous competitions, Taiwan entered the 1978 World Cup, probably as a response to the People's Republic's elevated profile, and was drawn with Australia and New Zealand in the qualifying rounds.

Due to political and financial considerations, Taiwan's four games were played away from home — Australia being met twice

in Fiji, while the Kiwis enjoyed the considerable advantage of staging both encounters before their own supporters.

Beaten 3-0 by the Socceroos during the first game at Ba Stadium, Taiwan grabbed the lead half an hour into the return game three days later and for six minutes retained it. Only a second-half goal by Attila Abonyi robbed the Taiwanese of a hard fought draw.

Similar fighting spirit was absent though against New Zealand, which cruised to a couple of 6-0 wins.

Australia faced Taiwan again during the next world Cup campaign and, once more, found it a stern opponent.

The clash at Taipei in September, 1981, is remembered primarily for the appalling state of the pitch, but the Chinese defence's discipline and tenacity were also major factors in the 0-0 scoreline, which enabled them to complete their World Cup campaign without conceding a single goal at the Municipal Stadium.

Three months earlier, the Australians had scraped home 3-2 at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium.

During the 1984 Olympic elimination series, Taiwan confirmed itself capable of being an awkward opponent, claiming home draws with both New Zealand and Japan.

But, apart from their World Cup and Olympics excursions, the Taiwanese receive little exposure. Indeed, it is not unusual for them to go a full calendar year without fielding a team.

Taiwan's National League operates between October and May. The rest of the 12 month long season revolves around four soccer festivals, each of which features separate tournaments for students, business houses and juniors, as well as open grade teams.

The nationwide Chungsung Cup is the most prestigious.

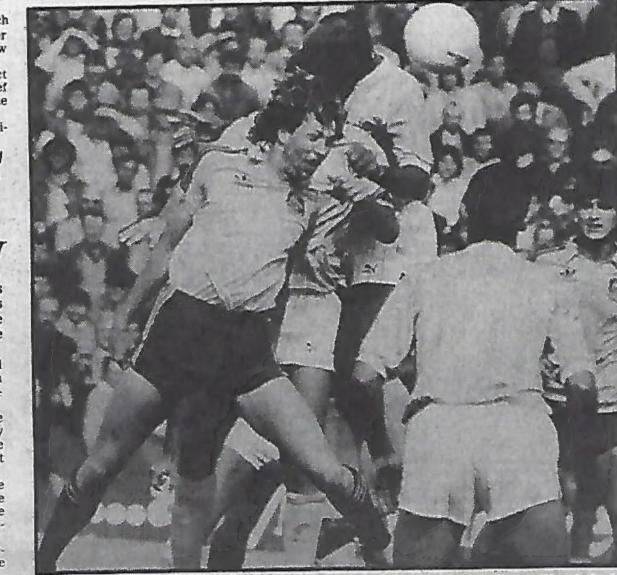
Most games are played at the Taipei Municipal Stadium, which is also utilized for festivals, carnivals, circuses and various other social and recreational activities; all taking their toll on the now infamous surface.

An indication of soccer's standing can be gained from the fact that, over a two-year period, the game received only one brief mention in the country's most popular newspaper — amidst the "Male Social" column.

Significantly, the Chinese Taipei Football Association's publicity material concentrates largely on ladies' soccer.



• Australia's best forward, David Mitchell, slides down only to strike this shot wide against Israel on Sunday. Israeli goalie Arie Haviv and Ya'akov Ekholz try desperately to recover.



• David Mitchell, in action again, this time against Israel's Jakob Ehoiz (obscured) and Rifat Turk. No 7 is Moshe Sinai and at right is Oscar Crino.

Caszely, Chumpitaz

From page one



• Pele

Prize-money totalling \$10,000 will go to the top four teams.

The winner will play for an additional \$10,000 purse against the "World Cup" in Melbourne on December 14.

The Victorian competition will be played at Egan Lee Reserve, Knoxfield, from November 9 to December 8. See page 13.

The group in Sydney are:

GROUP ONE: Argentina, Brazil, Malta, Yugoslavia.

GROUP TWO: Chile, Arabic countries, Cyprus, Italy.

GROUP THREE: Peru, Portugal, Uruguay, Lebanon.

GROUP FOUR: Australia, Ireland, Greece, Scotland.

Some of the star players involved are:

GREECE: Chris Thamidis, John Karaspyros, Con Pa-

BRAZIL: Nelio Borges, Marcus Silva, Hilton Silva, Chris Hummel.

YUGOSLAVIA: Dex Mar-

ton.

ITALY: Bertie Marini, Carlos Spina, Rene Licata, Dennis Coluso.

Teams showing the best form are: Greece, Scotland, Portugal (coached by Agenor Muniz) and Yugoslavia.

Players this year can play for the team of their choice, but next year, they will be tied to their country or origin.

Tournament organisers Louis Solis, former Chilean international goalkeeper, tried to get Pele to Austria to launch the All Nations Cup but although he agreed at first, commitments prevented Pele from making the trip.

Solis said this week he would talk to Pele again on a trip to Rio de Janeiro soon, and try to persuade him to come next year.

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NZ boss spies on us, thank God for Greedy

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Victory would give the Socceroos top place in the Oceania section, and put them into the home and away play-off against Scotland.

A draw would keep New Zealand in the race — but the Kiwis would have to take at least three points from Israel, which is unlikely.

If Australia loses to New Zealand in Sydney, the group will be wide open.

Kiwi coach Kevin Fallon

was at Olympic Park on Sunday to watch the Israel-Australia game, and must have been delighted that star striker Eli Ohana was sent off and therefore will miss the Israelis' first game against Israel in Auckland on Saturday.

The return game, in Israel, is on November 18.

Australia's occasional vulnerability to the long ball could not have escaped Fallon. Such passes, from Avi Cohen and Uri Malmilian, put Zahi Armeli and Ronni Rosenthal through for perfect scoring chances, but both were foiled by Australia's goalkeeper Terry Greedy.

It was not one of Australia's better performances. Too many players took up their space. Indeed, some looked decidedly tired after their hectic 1985 schedule. Arok was right in deciding that now is the time to rest some of them.

But the usual grit, determination and hard running that characterise the Australian side, were intact and it was pure application — plus the heart of Greedy — that earned the Socceroos the valuable draw.

A major concern now is to have a full-strength team available for the clash against New Zealand.

Steve O'Connor and David Mitchell both have one caution so far — and two cautions result in an automatic suspension. To this end, both will try to earn that caution tonight in Adelaide, serve their suspensions on Sunday, and be available for the New Zealand match.

Arok praised the Israelis for their superior ability.

"Often they had us chasing ghosts. We couldn't track them down because they are so skilful. They are a good side, and we should be happy to have got a draw. They played better than us in Tel Aviv, where we beat them, and the dream surface at Olympic Park was ideal for them. I'd die 67 times during the game."

Israeli coach Joe Mirmovitch said it had been an easier game to referee than the one in Tel Aviv, but he thought the decision to send off Ohana for making gestures at the crowd was too harsh.

"We wanted to live off the results of others if we hope to qualify," Mirmovitch said.

The match had an embarrassing beginning.

The players had stood to attention as the Israeli national anthem was played before the Israel-Australia World Cup match at Olympic Park yesterday. We waited now for "Advance Australia Fair." Instead, we heard the German national anthem. "Deutschland Ueber Alles."

After quite a few stanzas, during which local soccer officials felt like sinking into the ground, the music ended abruptly and someone switched it off.

The tape of the Israeli national anthem was supplied by Israeli officials. It contained also the German anthem, because Israel and West Germany had played a youth international match in Tel Aviv last week.

Gad Macness, whose bucket-pass in Tel Aviv had enabled David Mitchell to score — was dropped this time. Zion Marilli called into the squad immediately after the Tel Aviv game, came in at left back, enabling David Patikas to push into midfield, where he plays at FC Cologne. The Israeli defence thus was reduced from five to four, with Shlomo

Kirat picking up John Kosmina, Jakob Ekhoz marking David Mitchell and Avi Cohen doing the same.

Zarko Odzakov came into

Australia's midfield to replace

Kenny Murphy who was suspended after having been sent off in Tel Aviv.

Terry Greedy and David

Mitchell emerged as the stars

of the match, with Kirat the best of the Israelis due to his resolute defensive play. Eli Ohana terrorised Davidson on

the outer flank. Indeed,

Israel directed almost all its

attacks down that side.

Greedy bears a scar over

the left eye, from a clash with

Zahi Armeli in Tel Aviv. And

there is no mistaking that this

will be another rough match

when Ekhoz misses Mitchell

with a hefty challenge in the

sixth minute, and breaks the

corner flag in his follow-

through.

Centre backs Steve O'Connor and David Ratcliffe are to take turns throughout the

match, in moving up for

corners or free kicks. After six

minutes, O'Connor is at the

end of a free kick from Joe

Watson, and the crowd sucks

in its breath as the ball hits the

bottom of the post. The move,

however, is offside.

Charlie Yankos, uncom-

promising as usual in defence,

takes man-on-man on the

right wing, while O'Connor

tries to skin past him at the

edge of the box. The free kick

is bent by Uri Malmilian but

held safely by Greedy who

spots Mitchell alone upfield

and delivers a quick long ball.

It looks promising. There's

lots of room for Mitchell. But

Israel, the only defender within

range, grabs him and slings

the ball to the ground.

Then it's Israel's turn to

try to break in. O'Connor inspired

lob over the advancing Aus-

tralians, and Armeli starts his

run as the ball bounces in mid-

air. He's through, facing Greedy,

but the Australian custodian makes an uncanny

reflex save to turn the ball for

a corner.

It's Mitchell who's the star

of the show. He's onto every-

thing in attack, and he's even

coming back to win the ball.

Charlie needs treatment after

feeling Mitchell's bite in the

tackle.

Australia's first scoring at-

tempt comes in the 29th

minute — a header by Oscar

Oriano, after a free kick by Da-

vidson. It does not cause goal-

keeper Arie Havin any prob-

lems.

Rafat Turk, operating on Is-

rael's right, is back in defence

to try and stop our Kosmina.

They fly together and a

scuffle develops. It continues

behind play as Odzakov tries a

shot, but misticks.

Then Mitchell runs

crossfield and sends a fine pass

to Davidson. He chases

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heading towards goal. Marilli

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The achievers



• The under 12 girls of Minto, in the Liverpool District Women's Association (NSW) have lost only one game in three years!

This year they were undefeated minor premiers, and premiers, they won the highest goal average shield, and the club champions' shield, and they were runners-up in the Presidents Cup.

Minto has 21 boys teams, but only one for girls.

Rhonda Boxsell was voted the best and fairest player.

The Minto girls, pictured from left, are standing: Jodie Phelan, Greg Earnshaw (coach), Donna Earnshaw, Janine Evans, Karina Krzykalski, Bree Irlam, Garry Bennett (manager), Rhonda Boxsell. Front: Kylie Small, Rebecca Phelan, Cathy Carney, Julie Ross, Tracee Bennett, Susan Britton.

Glenroy Doxa Ltd reserves must have created some kind of record by winning the "Invitation Cup" final for the 4th year in a row.

It's a remarkable achievement considering the amount of reserve teams in the four Victorian Industrial League divisions.

The team also finished runner-up to Altona Rovers in the league but had a comfortable 4-1 win at Olympic Park in the

final with goals from G. Grech 1, D. Balaszy 1, J. Grity 2.

The team: back row left to right — John Saliba manager, Joe Gambin, Trevor Whealy, Godwin Grech, Glen Roberts, George Magri, Michael Gantz, John Grity; Joe Farrugia. Front row — Tony Tanti (committee), David Borg, Alex Sacco, Earl Kubilay, Joe Grech, David Balaszy, Laurie Gatt, Pierre Cutajar. Missing Ted Ellul coach.



Sunshine George Cross under 13 team started playing soccer at under 9 level and won the championship in the Western A division in both 1983 and 1984. This year they finished 6th on the ladder in the Super League and they won the 1985 Under 13 Victorian Cup. Players: Tony Markovski (captain), Zlate Markovski, Jason Kollar, Robert Talevski, David Agius, Gjelal Alija and team manager Mai Klarjan. Front row — Jason Mifsud, Jason Frew, Zoki Klarjan, Sasa Ilic (vice-captain), Zoran Markovski, David Adzijovski, George Vasilevski. Missing Tony Nescesi and Steven Zdravkovski.



The Sunshine-George Cross under 15s, champions of North West A division and undefeated in league games this season. Back row: John Colangeli (coach), Carlo Di Filippo, Mark De Francesco, Jose Paz, Vince Cidoni, Anthony Grech, Peter Spiteri, Bakim Alija, Nick Di Francesco (team manager). Front row: Ricky Soldaini, Tunc Hussein, John Colangeli, George Alevizos, George Karkaletsis, Gary Hasler.



The Altona City under 11s, who recently added the William Bowles Shield to the junior league championship they had won earlier. From left, standing: Raymond Cassar, Jani Suric, Adam Young, Tony Cassar (coach), Shaun Spiteri, Troy Hansen, Con Bivitaris, Justin Kirkpatrick, Alister Young (manager). Front: Anthony Cassar, Paul Ravnick, Zoran Milenkovski, John Karlovic. The annual William Bowles carnival, played at Mooroolbark was contested by 20 teams.



Brian Ellem, captain of the NSW team, receives the Commonwealth Bank trophy from Roger McCombe, chief manager of the Commonwealth Bank for the ACT, at the recently held Australian Secondary Schools Soccer Championships held in Canberra.

To the editor

SIR — The statement by Craig MacKenzie, in his story on the Bill Fleming Medal two weeks ago that there will be no presentation dinner this year because the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA), has collapsed, is quite correct, but I think it needs a little amplification.

The branch hadn't so much collapsed, it had died of apathy. The writing was on the wall when only 11 members, well short of a quorum, turned up for the AGM at the end of last year.

We decided that what we would be out of order to appoint officials for 1985, we would postpone the AGM until a date in February. The Buffalo Gold Cup was finished, to give members time to attend. The meeting was duly held at this time and only FIVE people bothered to attend, with the secretary among the missing. Since it was Victoria's turn to host the NSL press awards and to collect the votes, the five of us decided to form a steering committee to see out the season.

The secretary never contacted me for the rest of the year. He took leave of absence from his job, I understand, and as far as I'm concerned he could have gone to the moon, because I couldn't reach him. And he had the records and the membership list, so in desperation I advertised in this paper for members to contact me in order to draw up a new membership register. The response absolutely was overwhelming — two people contacted me, one a new member. He paid his fees, too, which meant that we then had four paid-up members for the year!

As a result of all the work the branch this year was carried out by two people, treasurer Jimmy Bakatsoulas and me, and since the day mounting the presentation dinner was going to be around \$4000, and we had only about \$50 in the kitty, I didn't feel like shouldering the responsibility for the cost.

Then there was the matter of the voting for the NSL press awards.

Someone in the press box at every match of every one of the 22 rounds was responsible for sending to me, on the forms we provided, the consensus vote for the best player, on a 3-2-1 basis, plus a score out of 10 for the referee. Those voting forms went into an envelope for each round, and when all 12 games of each round were accounted for, that envelope was sealed and handed to VSF executive director George Wallace, who locked them away in the safe until the last round, when he helped to count and verify the voting.

Similarly, after the league season ended, we sent out voting forms to the other states for a vote on coaches, again on a 3-2-1 basis. I personally took the coaches voting forms to the Press box at Old Trafford Park before the Southern Division preliminary final and said I would pick up the completed forms the following Sunday. Southern Division Grand Final day. But when I went back the next week, no forms were forthcoming, except one from a wag who voted for the Pope. Consequently, only seven people in Victoria voted in the coaches poll. But the very same people who boycotted the vote were the ones who agitated at the presentation night, insinuating that the coaches' voting had been rigged to prevent John Margaritis from winning, they having decided in their own minds that he and not Eddie Thomson, was the rightful winner. It goes without saying that they also were the same people who displayed their indifference towards ASPA all year and only began to pop out of the woodwork when they realised that there was going to be a free feed at the Southern Cross, paid for by the NSW.

They also had the gall to accuse me of somehow manoeuvring the voting to exclude them. Nothing could be farther from the truth. If it wasn't for this paper sending reporters to matches at Gully Reserve, Chapel Reserve and Connor Reserve, players from Green Gully, George Cross and Preston Makedonia, let alone their interstate visitors, wouldn't have had a hope of polling votes.

How on earth could you ever get an unbiased vote when one reporter goes exclusively to Juventus games, another only to Footscray J U S T. games, another to Makedonia's games while most of the rest commute happily between Middle Park and Olympic Village?

Victoria's ASPA branch collapsed all right. But given the bigotry and ethnic bias of most of its members and the apathy of the others, it never could have survived very long anyway.

— LES SHORROCK

German record shattered

Portugal scored a shock 1-0 win over West Germany last in Stuttgart to qualify for next year's World Cup Finals in Mexico.

Midfielder Carlos Manuel struck a brilliant goal in the 54th minute, sending the Germans to their first ever defeat in a World Cup qualifier.

At the start of the day even the Portuguese thought their chances of reaching Mexico were slim.

Sweden's 2-1 defeat in Czechoslovakia gave them the chance of pulling off a major surprise and they took it in style.

Portugal, which saw its hopes almost disappear when it struggled to a 3-2 win over Malta four days earlier, joins West Germany as the second qualifier from European Group Two.

Trainer Jose Torres asked before the game to be allowed to dream of qualifying but he could scarcely have dreamed up a goal as spectacular as the one by Manuel.

The Benfica player picked up a loose ball 35 metres out, took it on 10 metres and unleashed a wicked right-foot drive which curled tantalisingly inside the top right corner of Tom Schumacher's goal.

Torres' tactics proved to be

masterly. He played five men at the back and Fernando Gomes as a lone striker, soaring west Germany pressure and relying on the break.

West Germany's attack, badly missing the injured Rudi Voeller, looked totally ineffectual and the Portuguese created the best chances with their counter-attacks.

World Cup details:

Europe Group 2

Czechoslovakia beat Sweden 2-1 (Halftime 1-1) in Prague.

Scorers: Vitezek 2 (41st min 67th). Sweden — Corneliusson (7th).

Attendance: 15,000.

Stuttgart, Portugal beat West Germany 1-0 (Halftime 0-0).

Scorer — Carlos Manuel (5th minute).

Attendance: 60,000.

Portugal joins West Germany 2 standings.

West Germany 5 1 1 20 7 11

Portugal 5 0 3 12 10 10

Sweden 3 1 3 12 8 7

Czechoslovakia 1 3 1 9 9 10

Malta 0 1 6 5 23 7

Remaining games: November 17 — West Germany v Czechoslovakia, Malta v Sweden.

min), Gary Lineker 3 (18th, 42nd, 53rd), Bryan Robson (35th).

Group Three standings

England 4 3 2 8 5 9

Nth Ireland 3 2 2 7 12 8

Finland 2 3 2 9 6 7

Turkey 0 1 6 1 21 1

England qualifies for the finals.

Remaining games: November 13 — England v Northern Ireland, November 14 — Turkey v Romania.

Europe Group 6

In Moscow, the Soviet Union beat Ireland 2-0 (Halftime 0-0)

Scorers: Fyodor Cherenkov (61st minute), Oleg Protasov (90th).

Attendance: 100,000.

In Oslo, Denmark beat Norway 5-1 (Halftime 0-1)

Scorers: Sundby (40th), Denmark — Michael Laudrup (56th minute), Soeren Lerby (66th), Preben Elkjaer (69th), Klaus Berggreen (75th, 79th).

Attendance: 19,420.

Group six standings

Denmark 4 1 2 13 5 9

Soviet Union 3 2 2 12 8 8

Switzerland 2 3 2 4 9 7

Ireland 2 2 2 4 6 6

Norway 1 2 3 4 4 4

— Remaining games: October 30 — Soviet Union v Norway, November 13 — Switzerland v Norway, Ireland v Denmark

Play-offs

In Brussels, Belgium beat the Netherlands 1-0 (Halftime 1-0) in their European group runners-up playoff, first leg tie.

Scorers — Franky Vercauteren (19th min).

Mexico-bound

• Fourteen countries so far have qualified for the 24-team World Cup Finals in Mexico next year.

They are: Canada, Bulgaria, Spain, West Germany, Mexico, Italy, Uruguay, Hungary, Brazil, Argentina, Poland, Portugal, Denmark and England.

In Bucharest, Northern Ireland beat Romania 10 (Halftime 1-0)

Scorer: Jimmy Quinn (29th min).

Attendance: 40,000.

In London, England beat Turkey 5-0 (Halftime 4-0)

Scorers: Chris Waddle (14th

min), Gary Lineker 3 (18th, 42nd, 53rd), Bryan Robson (35th).

Group 10 standings

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SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COACH?

By MIKE LYNN,
Sunbury Utd coach

Over the past year or so, a lot has been said and written about coaching and coaches. Whenever I get involved with this subject the very first question I ask is: 'What do you consider to be the correct definition of coaching?'

Invariably, each person quizzed has a different theory — the usual retorts are categorised, into specific clichés, for example: 'British type coaching, Continental style, South American ball players.' But never have I received an answer to my question.

The dictionary states that a coach is 'a private tutor, instructor of athletic team (etc), give hints to, prime with facts.'

It does not state that coaching gives a certain style to or removes a certain style or specifies how coaching should be done.

In my opinion, coaching is the giving of information (prime with facts) to individuals and groups. The end result then, depends on the ability of the individual and the team and the coach.

What does 'the giving of information', mean? Does a South American 'ball player' kick or pass the ball differently to an Anglo-Saxon?

Perhaps it may look different. I'd rather watch Oscar Crino delicately chip a ball over an advancing opposing defence than see Alan Kerr (my apology) attempt a crossfield kick by using his toes.

But the coaching requirements for teaching a player to chip the ball would be the same on a South American banana plantation as in an English cobbled street. Coaching is about teaching technique — passing, dribbling, shooting, tackling etc. Each technique is the same no matter where the game is played.

At senior level the coach must do other jobs apart from teaching technique, such as including tactical information, psychological and motivating factors and physical fitness standards. It is in these areas that observers become confused.

Viewers see South Americans soccer on television and wonder at the marvellous skills. They fail to see the acres of space given to enable these skills to be displayed. Vasco Da Gama had heaps of skill but was outplayed by Australia and South Melbourne Hellas, simply because both these clubs were prepared to deny Vasco space and thus deny skill time. Are Frank Arrok and Len McKendry poor coaches because they used their resources so well?

Coaching is the same all over the world but in some countries preparation is better than in others. In West Germany for example, a coach must attend a six month full-time coaching course before he is able to accept a full-time coaching position. In Australia, a similar yet less intensified coaching course is available and, since 1976, when the course first started, introduced more and more players and coaches have been able to comprehend the basic techniques that apply to soccer wherever the game is played.

For example, the technique of closing down an opponent is the same in England as it is in South America. When and where to close down is a tactical decision. Players at all levels now are getting to understand basic techniques and if a coach does not have them offing gaining credibility. If a South American coach does not know what closing down means, he is a bad coach. Likewise, if an English coach does not know then he too is a bad coach. Any coach that completes the senior coaching course, and then coaches as expressed during the course, will improve the technique ability of his players. Coaches that did not complete the course (or ignore it) are then likely to fail to comprehend that it is prime with facts.

The danger with coaching courses is that individuals can and do act like sheep. An aspiring coach, having successfully passed the coaching course, is highly likely to care fully observe the teams coached by successful graduates of the course. By doing this, tactical and preparatory aspects of those coaches are copied. This could be seen as showing a lack of imagination but, after all, a sensible approach.

The most successful coach in Victoria over the past five years has been Len McKendry, an excellent technique coach who was definite and specific ideas on how a team should play. The most successful



• Paul Trimboli (right) accepts the Weinstein Medal as Victorian Junior Player of the Year, from VSF chairman Mike Weinstein. Trimboli plays for Brighton.

Qld. World Cup

Brisbane's first Ethnic World Cup kicked off at Eastern Suburbs Soccer Club, Heath Park, Hilton Street in East Brisbane, last Saturday, with a match between Australia and Argentina.

Other countries in the competition are Chile, Croatia, England, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Turkey, Vietnam, El Salvador, Hungary, Ireland and Luxembourg.

Organised by the Los Argentinos club, in conjunction with Eastern Suburbs S.C. the series will raise funds for African famine relief and Mexican and Chilean earthquake relief.

The match schedule is: Group A — Australia — Croatia, Sun 27/10/85 3.30 pm; Argentina — Turkey, Sat 26/10/85 1.30 pm; Turkey — Australia, Tue 5/11/85 7.30 pm; Argentina — Croatia, Sun 3/11/85 1.30 pm.

Group B — Vietnam — Hungary, Sat 26/10/85 11.30 am; England — Vietnam, Sat 2/11/85 3.30 pm; Spain — Hungary, Sat 2/11/85 11.30 am; Hungary — England, Wed 3/10/85 8.30 pm; Spain — Vietnam, Wed 6/11/85 6.30 pm.

Group C — Ireland — El Salvador, Wed 23/10/85 6.30 pm; Greece — Ireland, Sun 27/10/85 1.30 pm; El Salvador — Portugal, Sun 27/10/85 11.30 am; El Salvador — Greece, Tue 2/11/85 1.30 pm; Portugal — Ireland, Sun 3/11/85 11.30 am.

Group D — Italy — Chile, Wed 23/10/85 8.30 pm; Italy — Scotland, Wed 30/10/85 6.30 pm; Chile — Luxembourg, Sat

Canberra to N. Guinea

Canberra Olympians leave today (Wednesday) for two matches in Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea.

The games are against a Port Moresby selection on Friday at 6pm and against the Papua-New Guinea national team on Sunday.

The Canberra squad is: Tony Franken, John Economopoulos, Steve Bryant, Paul Ontong, Tommy Sermanni, Jason Dunn, Marko Perinovic, John Mihailidis, Manu Lamond, Tony Alexakis, Gus Cherro, John Nelson, Peter Mazis, and AIS midfielder George Kulsar who has been offered a 1986 contract with the Olympians.

The club also has had talks with Jim Cant, Paul Kay and Frank Farina of Sydney Ha-Koah.

Greece v. Holland

The Holland and Greece teams meet in a practice game at John Cain Reserve, Thornbury, tonight (Wednesday) at 7 pm, in preparation for the Medibank Private/Leader Newspapers World Cup competition (see page 13.)

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Milisavljevic quits

Ringwood United Serbia Star, former Australian and Victorian Goalkeeper, Jimmy Milisavljevic, better known as Jimmy Mills, announced his retirement at the Club's presentation night.

Jim missed nine games this year due to a knee operation and this, coupled with business commitments, prompted him to hang up his boots. Certainly, when available, he is still an outstanding goalkeeper and on ability, his replacement is premature, according to Ringwood's coach, Ken Kontra.

Mills has played for two clubs only — J.U.S.T. for 15 years, starting in the U-11 team — and 10 years with Ringwood and its forerunner, Carlton United. With Carlton, he also had a successful stint as coach.

He left J.U.S.T. due to a hand injury which prevented him from continuing his brilliant career in goal. Before moving to Carlton, Jim showed his versatility, playing as a striker and scoring the winning goal against Hellas in the Melbourne Cup Final.

Jim began his representative career in the Victorian under-21 team, which he captained under State coach Ken Kontra in 1971.



• Jim Milisavljevic

He gained full National team selection in Raleasic's Socceroo squad, and was second choice keeper behind Jack Reilly in the 1974 World Cup Series.

Mills represented Victoria on several occasions, and many experts have rated him as one of the most outstanding keepers in the country.

According to Jim, coaches who have done a great job on his development were Raleasic, Cedor, Cirkovic, Tony Boggi and Ken Kontra.

Jim believes the current Socceroo team under Frank Arrok has the potential to equal the feats of Raleasic's 1974 World Cup team, but it is still

a bit short on which Jim describes as 'quality'.

In his view, in the sixties and early seventies, due to outstanding imports, the overall quality of teams was higher but he is first to agree that there is plenty of good talent in Australia currently and all it needs is good coaching and strong competition.

Mills will probably concentrate on junior coaching next year and then try his hand with seniors. He has a senior coaching badge, and his contribution as a coach with his playing background, would certainly be welcome.

Ringwood's president Zlatko Andrejic, expressed his great pride for Jim's outstanding service over the years, and his respects that he has decided to retire as an active player. Branko Jelovic, past president and this year's team manager, said that Jim had been a fine clubman and the team would never be the same without this great custodian between the posts, but he was also confident that should the club ever need Jim in any capacity, he would never let Ringwood down.

Wearing the awards at the presentation were:

1st team best and fairest: Alex Nelson, runner-up: Mickey Djuric, top goalscorer: Paul Jefelovic.

Reserves best and fairest: Mark Bunce, runner-up: Sinisa Andrejic, top goalscorer: Bosko Cvjetic.

A revolution for Roma



LES MURRAY

All roads lead to Rome, they have said eternally, but not necessarily if you're a football romantic.

Indeed, while you stand gazing at the Colosseum or sit sipping beer on the Piazza Venezia you rather wish you were in Turin or Milan instead, where the Italian football action is.

But I wouldn't tell the Romans that. For them, to hell with Turin or Milan and indeed with the Colosseum or the Piazza Venezia. All roads lead to the Stadio Olimpico and 'Forza Roma' is the centre of all necessary conversation.

Yet AS Roma, the focus of affection, is remarkably unsuccessful and has no gilt-edged place in the record books.

The club that represents the capital of Italy, and for many centuries the world, has won the Italian title just twice. Clubs like Genoa, Bologna and the scarcely heard of Pro Vercelli have won more.

And even though all roads lead to Rome according to the Romans, there is the easy to seek out when in Rome.

Measured against its following and high-profile opulence, AS Roma's administrative quarters remarkably are humble.

The address is not bad. It is on the Via del Circo Massimo, right opposite the awesome rubble that was once the Roman Empire's Circus Maximus.

But that is a diversion. The offices huddle inside a block of flats, up on the first floor, entered via the ticket office where clusters of young tifosi gather, waiting to see if any tickets are left for the supporters but taking fans to the coming away game against Avellino.

The security, though, is

more fitting of what you expect from a glamor European club. Not just anybody can be told just where and when the team is training much less be allowed to see them.

But after some persuasion, information and permission is given. The team trains at Trieste which to the taxi driver is a total mystery. Until you mention that they are going to see a Roma training session. Ah, that's different.

Trigoria, of course. It's way out in the sticks. Somewhere you could call the equivalent of the Emu Plains of the Eternal City.

Herds of sheep crossing the road have to be negotiated before you get there.

But having a football fan for a passenger makes it a pleasant journey.

'Mi piace l'Italia,' says the driver after I tell him I had just come from Tel Aviv where the Aussies had won their World Cup match.

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Cup goes to Melbourne on penalties

By PHIL DIAMATARIS

MELBOURNE 2 (Heery 43rd, P Bannon penalty 65th) **KELIOR AUSTRIA** 2 (Beller 41st, Santos 75th) after extra time. Melbourne won 4-2 on penalties. Victorian League Cup Final at Frank Holahan Complex, Saturday. Referee: G. Blakey 2.

MELBOURNE: Barbas 5, Edmundston 7, Wild 7, T. Drinoczyk 7, Bird 7, Tsambasis 6, (Dagnall 65th), 6, Theodosopoulos (in). P. Bannon 2, Santos 7, Theodosopoulos 6, Roberts 6, Ward 6, Heery 2. Coach: Paddy Bannon.

KELIOR AUSTRIA: Costello 8, Santos 7, Sammott 7, Turbos 7, Wilson 7, Pocock 6, Sutherland 6, Abella 7, McKenna 7, Stewart 8, Beller 8. Coach: Tom Costello.

This is what Cup finals are all about. There was a hot favourite and an underdog, action plus, physical confrontations and plenty to talk about. Melbourne went into this game firm favourite. The new First Division champion had won its semi-final convincingly the week before and was playing Second Division underdog Kelior Austria. And was Melbourne in for a surprise! Kelior gave away nothing.

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DANNY MADAROSKI, CHARLES

RODRIGO MARCHETTI,

RODNEY ROWE, 15, seven goals.

JOSEPH VITALE, seven, 13 goals.

CRAIG ROWLAND, 16, six goals,

PAUL SISTER, 18, four goals,

LEONARD COOMBE, JUSTIN VAN

ZERZALM, 12, ALAN VASSALL,

10, seven, KENNETH MALLIA,

seven, VICK THOMPSON, seven,

LAURIE FALZON, 11, five goals,

FRANK SPERANDIO, 12, five goals,

JUSTIN VALIER, 11, four goals,

PAUL MC CLUSKY, 13, nine goals,

DEAN THOMPSON, 13,

JASON SWAREK, 12, four goals,

THOMAS HANSON, 16, MICHAEL

DOHERTY, 13 (Melbourne Pegasus),

ANDREW DOCHERTY (Karang United).

Postponed

The opening of the North Geelong clubrooms has been postponed until November 17 because of Melbourne Croatia, which will play a match at the opening, qualified for the Dockerty Cup final.

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• Box Hill, back row: Alan Roodhouse, Darryn White, Dean Hennessy, John McKinlay, Andy Humble, Craig Davidson, Pedro Ramos. Front row: Chris Taylor, Ian Roodhouse, David Brooks, Andy Hughes, David Azzopardi, Phil Griffin. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

LES SHORROCK reviews the Victorian State League Cup semi-finals

HUMBLE HUMBLES CROYDON



• Box Hill's dynamic young striker Andy Humble (centre) crashes through this challenge from Croydon's Jim Tansey (left) and Jim O'Reilly.

IT'S FOUR-GOAL STIRTON

MORWELL FALCONS 5 (Stirton 30th, 46th, 55th, pen. 65th, Athersych 73rd).

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Palmaricciotti 82nd). State League Cup semi-final at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday. First game of a double header.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7, Bingham 7, Bruns 6 (Van Baar 60th), Turdi 7, Train 7, McGowan 6, McLean 8, O'Callaghan 7, Athersych 7, Stirton 8, Cassar 6, (Moore 60th). Goalscorer: Stirton.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 6, Coye 5, Dimovski 5, Esposito 6, Hamill 6, Stenson 6, John Condilis 5, (Harkazou 57th), Kountouris 5 (Stanidis 57th), McGuinness 7, Palmaricciotti 6, Cotisanis 5. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

Western Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis was unusually down in the mouth when I discussed Suburbs' prospects with him before the match.

"Don't expect too much from us today," he said. "We have so many players unavailable that I've had to use all my youngsters."

The other affable Jimmy, that chip off the Blarney Stone, J. Dunne esquire, by contrast had no such worries, with his sparring partner Steve Moore fighting fit again.

In the event, Suburbs put up a brave fight and in fact could have gone ahead in the 28th minute when Stenson suddenly came to life and effortlessly cruised past three Falcons defenders only to see his shot luckily deflected for a corner.

Then, in the 30th minute, the avalanche began as quicksilver Effie Cassar made a sparkling run down the wing and found Ian Stirton who efficiently bangled the ball past Nick Apostolidis for Falcons' first goal.

That brought us to half-time, and it was still a contest, but a minute after the restart came the goal that killed Suburbs.

Russell Athersych, running intelligently off the ball, suddenly popped up on the left and his accurate cross found Stirton lurking at the near post and his neat header notched number two.

Referee John Fraser awarded Falcons a somewhat dubious penalty at the 55 minute mark which Stirton nonchalantly converted to

bring up his hat-trick and that really marked the end for Suburbs.

Then, when he replaced Emil Bruns and Cassa with Tony van Baar and Steve Moore ("resting them for the final," he nonchalantly explained afterwards), and Moore straight away started to enjoy himself.

Dunne and Steve Moore seem to enjoy a much more harmonious relationship these days. I remember well the first time I saw Moore playing in a Falcon shirt. It was on a hot day at Broadmeadows, on the opening day of last season, and the most entertaining part of the day was the running altercation between the bench and Moore. The Dublin-cum-Scouse dialogue, mostly unprintable, would have had James Joyce doubled up with mirth. They must have mellowed with time, for on Saturday Dunne beamed from the bench like an indulgent father and Moore strolled around without a care in the world.

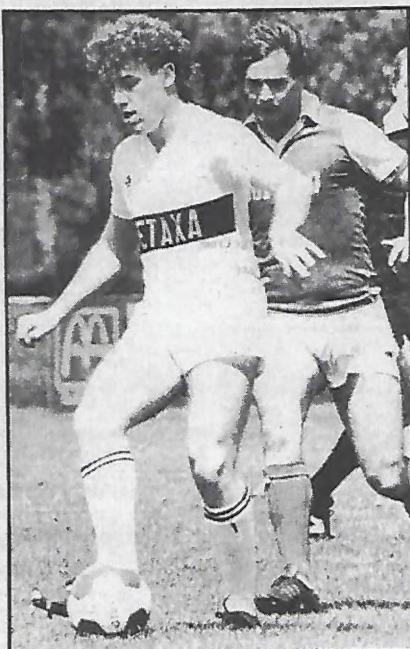
That didn't upset the Morwell steamroller. In the 65th minute Athersych spoon-fed Stirton again, and the big striker obliged by toppling his shot from point-blank range and the ball bobbed under the unfortunate Apostolidis for Morwell's fourth.

Things got worse for Suburbs as Steve Dimovski made a neat one-handed but illegal shot that even Peter Shilton would have been proud of, and it was another penalty to Falcons.

Up strode the big man (Stirton, who else?), for what was going to be his fifth goal and we started thinking about record goalscoring feats, and so must Stirton, for his next strike was parried by Apostolidis, and his even weaker attempt at the rebound was gratefully gobbed up by keeper, and suddenly Stirton had scored only four.

Billy Hamill reversed the downhill slide momentarily when he strode forward impetuously and let go a thunderbolt that Peter Blasby was happy to tip against the cross bar, but then Athersych decided to get into the act and drove a ball into the top corner of the net, well out of the hapless Apostolidis' reach for Falcons' fifth.

A slight alteration saw Stenson and Jim McLean both receive yellow cards. Hamill had another good try, and then Robert Palmaricciotti scored for Suburbs from Stenson's cross.



• Western Suburbs' midfielder Robert Palmaricciotti shields the ball from Jim MacLean of Morwell Falcons.

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By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Morwell Falcons can win its second successive State League Cup when it clashes with its jinx team, Box Hill, at Smith Reserve on Saturday at 3pm.

The first match on Saturday, between Suburbs and Croydon at 1pm, is to decide third and fourth place. There's nothing riding on the outcome of this game but even if Croydon players take half-hearted approach to the contest, they should win.

But back to the final. There must be a nagging doubt in the minds of the Falcon players here. They've found beating Box Hill an impossible task over the past two seasons. No doubt Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne will use this as a means of motivating his players to great heights and make no mistake about it, Falcons will have to be firing on all cylinders to win this final.

There must also be a doubt in the minds of some Box Hill players. Box Hill reached the 1983 Dockerty Cup final, only to go down to Croatia and reached the 1984 Buffalo League Cup final, only to go down to Polonia. So one way or another, history will be created on Saturday — Falcons finally will beat Box Hill or the Hillmen will win their first ever State League honor.

Box Hill coach Keith Webster reckons that Andy Hughes will be able to curtail the effectiveness of Falcons star midfielder Jim MacLean. I disagree.

Hughes is the most underrated midfielder in State League as far as I'm concerned, however he is instrumental in providing the Hillmen with a lot of drive from midfield and I can't see him concentrating solely on cutting out MacLean. Both players are good going forward. Hughes is the harder worker, MacLean is the better playmaker.

I'm looking forward to the clash between Mick McGorian and Alan Roodhouse. I saw them stage a tremendous two-man war a couple of seasons ago when McGorian was with George Cross and I've got no doubts that Saturday's battle will be just as keenly contested.

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Previous finals

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1969: Juventus 2 J.U.S.T. 2
1970: Juventus 3 Melbourne

1971: Croatia 3 Hellas 2
1972: No competition
1973: George Cross 3

Hakeah 0
1974: J.U.S.T. 2 Heidelberg
Alexander 1

1975: J.U.S.T. 1 Moorebank 1, J.U.S.T. won 5-4 on penalties

1976: J.U.S.T. 2 Hellas 1

1977: George Cross 2 Slavia

1978: Croatia 3 George Cross

1979: Croatia 2 Makedona 1

1980: Croatia 1 Makedona 0

1981: Croatia 2 Devonon 1

1982: Green Gully 3 Morwell

1983: Croatia 4 Green Gully

1984: Morwell 1 Polonia 0

CALLEJA HITS 2

Mario Calleja scored twice as Malta drew 2-2 with Uruguay in its preparation for November's Medibank Private Leader Newspaper World Cup competition.

Calleja had notched a hat-trick the previous week against Chile.

Uruguay hit the front when a poor pass was intercepted and struck home well but Malta equalised shortly after when O'Neill sent Calleja through.

Calleja's fine header put Malta ahead before Uruguay applied the pressure in the second half and levelled things to an own goal.

Arsenal are running hot right now and the Brooks-Davidson combination only is a recent pairing.

While McGorian and Alan Roodhouse thrash it out on one side, Effie Cassar and Ian Roodhouse will be battling it out on the other. For those who aren't aware of Ian Roodhouse's qualities, you'll get to see just how good a player he is when he's in the National League next year. As for little Cassar, he showed a couple of National League sides just what he's capable of in the Buffalo Gold Cup earlier this year.

Falcons will have selection problems if Stevie Moore is fit. His presence in the starting line-up will push out one of the midfielders and who will that be? It won't be MacLean, that's for sure, which leaves either John Train or Casar for the choice. Let's wish Jimmy Dunne luck. I certainly wouldn't like to be in his shoes.

While Dunne has stated that his side will have a go at the Hillmen, he won't neglect the defensive aspects of the game and I expect him to assign a marker for Andy Humble. The usual man for such a role is Harry Bingham.

Dunne quite rightly says that the Hillmen are workmanlike. They also are very, very competitive. If Falcons win, it will be after a tremendous struggle.

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• Morwell Falcons, back row: Ian Stirton, Graham Tuttill, Mick McGorian, Peter Blasby, John O'Callaghan, Jimmy Dunne (coach), Romeo Prezioso. Front row: Effie Cassar, Emil Bruns, Jim MacLean, Harry Bingham, Jim Train, Russell Athersych. Missing: Stevie Moore, Tony van Baar. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

We'll be too fast for them

By JIMMY DUNNE,
Morwell coach

Even though Box Hill stuffed up our home record this season and we've never beaten them since I've been at Morwell, they don't really worry me too much — I'll let the players go out and express themselves on Saturday.

Box Hill's a very workmanlike side and they probably won't be much in it at the end of the day but we're not going to sit back. We'll use three up front with Mike McGorian out wide and we'll have a real go at them.

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Falcons will suit us fine!

By KEITH WEBSTER
Box Hill coach

We'd prefer to play Falcons rather than Suburbs or Croydon for our record against Falcons is excellent and our players will go into Saturday's final confident that they can win.

I guess in some ways my philosophy on the game is personified by the way Falcons play — they don't concede many goals, they've got a top class midfielder in Jim MacLean and they've got two good strikers who can hit the back of the net consistently.

But having said that, Falcons also have a weakness — when they don't have the ball they're not that good at getting it back. It certainly is hard to defend against them than it is to attack them and in Andy Humble we've got one of the best young strikers in State League. He's deceptively quick and he can pose plenty of problems for Falcons while Andy Hughes is quite capable of cancelling out MacLean's effectiveness.

I was very pleased with the way our lads performed against Croydon in the semi-final. For me, we looked like the side that was going to win that game all day. We carried them open a lot at the back and it's not an exaggeration to say that we could have beaten them by four or five goals. Bearing in mind that we haven't kicked a ball since the end of the league season while Croydon has played in the Dock-



• Keith Webster

erty Cup, I was really happy with our display. We're trying to win our first ever major State League honour and if we succeed it will be a successful end to a more than successful season. We've scored more goals than any Box Hill side has scored in State League and we've finished higher than any Box Hill side has finished in State League.

I didn't have Roodhouse for most of the season and Steve Smith's departure left a big gap which I think we've filled fairly well. Andy Humble got among the goals and Peter Verechia, while only scoring half a dozen times, has worked really hard up front and has had a very good season.

I believe in simple football. One of my favorite sayings to my players is: I give you the black and white outline and you fill in the colors. I don't over elaborate on organising every single thing down to the inth degree.

When we beat Falcons 2-1 at their ground this season it was an excellent game and I don't expect any difference on Saturday. Jimmy Dunne and his lads hate losing. So do I. It will be a very competitive game but I think that we'll win by the odd goal.

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CROATIA 2 Ljubic 37th, Ward penalty 62nd) EAST BRUNSWICK 0 at Olympic Park No. 1.

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CROATIA 2 (Gojevic 19th, Taylor own goal 88th) CROYDON CITY 1 (French penalty 44th) at Olympic Park No. 1.

CROATIA: Runje 5 — Deankovic 7, McIntosh 4, Curcio 5, Hannah 6 — Campbell 5, Cristaldo 6, Gojevic 8 — Biskic 4, Ward 4 (House 75th), Ljubic (Markovac 34th, 4).

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Makedonia

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MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes 6 (Lee 54th, 6) — Petrovski 6, McMillan 7, Piculovski 5, Heys 6 (Atanasovski 73rd) — Opasinski 6, Illoski 7 — Gagic 6, Cole 6, Lane 7.

MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole 20th) FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Olympic Park No. 2.

MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes 6 — Petrovski 6 (Memorovski 81st), McMillan 8, Piculovski 7, Heys 7 — Opasinski 8, Petrov 6, Illoski 7 — Gagic 6 (Spinik H.T. 7), Cole 8, Lane 7.

MAKEDONIA 4 (Cole penalty 51st, 91st, Lane 64th, Spinik 106th)

GREEN GULLY 2 (Paul Lewis penalty 34th, 84th,) after extra time Semi-final at Olympic Park No. 1.

MAKEDONIA: Trajanedes 7 — McMillan 5, Dunn 8, Piculovski 8 — Petrovski 8 (Spinik 90th), Petrov 7, Opasinski 7, Heys 7 — Illoski 8, Cole 8, Gagic 6 (Lane H.T. 8).



• Three men who will play key roles for Croatia against Makedonia. ABOVE: brilliant winger Josip Biskic. RIGHT: Goalscoring midfielder Steve Gojevic. BELOW: Right back Drago Deankovic (left), seen here doing battle with Doug Brown of SM-Hellas.



Hannah can shackle the best in the State

Makedonia is a good team for sure but every team has a weakness. I know what Makedonia's weakness is and we'll pay special attention to it. That's how we beat Juventus in the semi-finals and that's how we can beat Makedonia in Sunday's final.

Going into the Juventus match we knew that it had a strong midfield. We also knew that Peter Lewis and Eddie Campbell go forward a lot and that leaves gaps which aren't always covered so we worked hard on getting George Biskic to exploit these gaps, especially on Eddie Campbell's side.

For me, Rob Cullen is the spirit of Juventus but in George Hannah I have a player who can keep any forward in Victoria quiet, so I put George on Cullen. At half time the old fox, John Margaritis, put one of the youngsters on up front. I think that he was hoping that I would switch off Cullen but there was no way that I was going to do that.

Makedonia goes into this match as favourite which is only right because it has proved itself as a power in Australian soccer this year and it has shown a lot of style and character.

Croatia, on the other hand, hasn't shown much style this year and has been very inconsistent but that can be overcome, provided we plan well.

**By
MIRON
BLEIBERG
Croatia coach**

One day, I hope that Croatia will be good enough to force guys like John Margaritis and Billy Murray to play intensively against us. That's not the case right now, nevertheless we will go into this game knowing what we must do.

I am confident that we will do well.

Jim Campbell is fitter than he's been all season. He is a very skilful player and a very clever player and I believe that one day he will prove himself as a coach.

I want to see Steve Gojevic tackle and fight more. He knows that, I don't only want to see Steve waiting to get the ball, then using his outstanding skills when it is in possession. He has so much going for him that ifad, I've told him that if he works harder off the ball, one day he will play for Australia.

Victor Cristaldo is the sort of player every coach loves to work with. Tactically he's super and you always can rely on him to carry out your instructions. I'd like to see Victor improve his shooting and his attacking play but that will come.

You know, in some ways it's easier for me to be playing against a top team like

Makedonia. I mean, if we were playing Western Suburbs for example, I wouldn't know much about their players. Makedonia is different. I've watched it this year and I feel that I know what its players can do.

To me, soccer is much like chess. Tactics are vital. Sure, luck plays a part but if you prepare your team well then you will have much more chance of success.

And we will be as well prepared as possible given that I've only taken over from Damojic Kapetanovic a couple of weeks ago.



• Croatia striker Ante Ljubic

CROATIA CHASES HAKOA

History will be created on Sunday in the oldest Cup competition in Australian soccer, as Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia never have met in a Dockerty Cup final.

Croatia has won the Cup five times — in 1968, 1969, 1979, 1980 and 1983. Makedonia is yet to win the Dockerty Cup and is playing in its first Dockerty Cup final.

The Dockerty Cup dates back to 1909. Carlton United won the first two Cup finals. The now defunct Hakoah won seven Dockerty Cups, a record that still stands.

Unfortunately, records of the early years of competition are

almost non-existent, all that we can do is imagine what led to the abandonment of the 1920 final between Albert Park and Northumberland and Durham. Who knows, the seeds of crowd disturbances could have been sown back then. Northumberland and Durham had the last laugh though for it won the Cup the following year.

Wonthaggi Magpies were the 1931 Dockerty Cup but were they the only country team to savor victory in the prestigious competition? Maybe not. An old pal of mine, Bobby Phillips, tells me that he played with the team in the 1940s and also relates that the team was based at Flinders Naval Depot. Maybe the Navy team, which won the 1924, 1926 and 1928 Dockerty Cups also was based at Flinders.

In recent times, who can forget that 1980 final between Croatia and Juventus? Croatia

won 7-0. After the match a couple of old timers told me that that result wasn't a Cup final record for "in the 40s sometime, someone won the Cup 8-0."

We'll never know, but how ironic if they are right, for in the 1980 final Croatia goalie Peter Blasby took a penalty which was saved by Juventus goalie Jack Reilly.

The sight of Blasby straining to get back into his goal as Juventus quickly went forward drew roars of laughter from Croatia fans in a euphoric mood over their team's commanding lead.

The Ricoh Dockerty Cup is a grand old competition and on Sunday, Croatia and Makedonia players step onto the superb soil of Olympic Park No. 1, ready to carve a niche of Cup history for themselves.

Let's hope that it's a great game for it's the final of the greatest cup competition in this country.

Last game

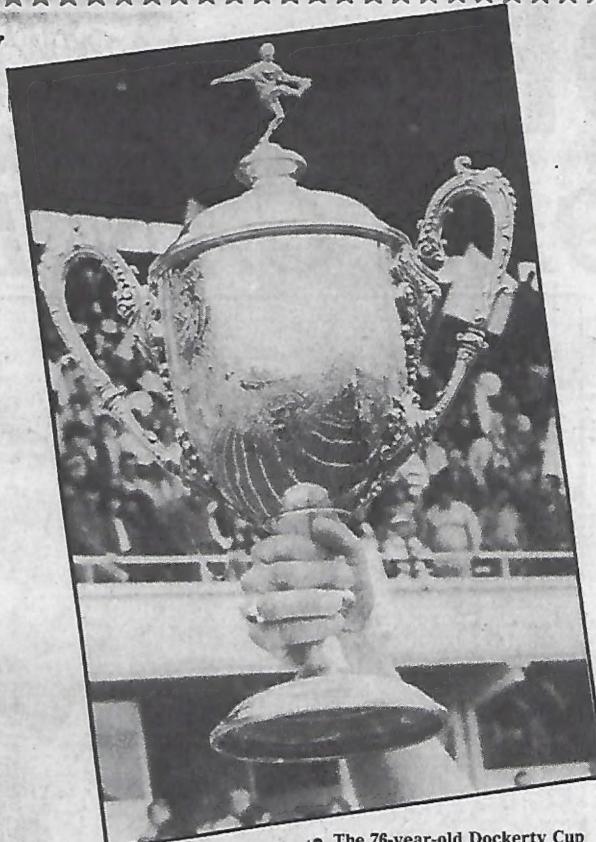
Croatia will farewell sweeper Jozo Antolovic after Sunday's Ricoh Dockerty Cup final.

Antolovic is returning to Yugoslavia after four seasons here. He will be presented with a gold watch before the Cup final as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by Croatia fans and officials.

Croatia team manager Frank Burn was annoyed at a press report which said that Antolovic only told Croatia recently about his plans to leave.

"Jozo told us three months ago that he intended returning

The scales should be in Makedo-



• The 76-year-old Dockerty Cup



- 1909 — Carlton United
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- 1911 — St Kilda
- 1912 — Williamstown
- 1913 — Yarraville
- 1914 — Melbourne Thistle
- 1915 — Melbourne Thistle
- 1918-19 — No competition due to First World War
- 1919 — Footscray Thistle
- 1920 — Finalists Albert Park and Northumberland and Durham. Match abandoned, no trophy awarded.
- 1921 — Northumberland and Durham
- 1922 — Albert Park
- 1923 — St Kilda
- 1924 — Navy
- 1925 — Melbourne Thistle
- 1926 — Navy
- 1927 — Footscray Thistle
- 1928 — Navy
- 1929 — Footscray Thistle

or Antolovic

"At the end of the season and two months ago we took airline tickets for him and his wife," said Burin. "There always is the possibility that Jozo will return. He was worried about a rumor which said that he was planning to go to Sydney Croatia as soon as he was out of the country. It's just not true. Jozo approached us and asked to sign a declaration stating that should he return to Australia he will be a Melbourne Croatia player. Of course, we will give him a chance to play overseas, but he's bound to us if he returns, and that's the way he wants it."

of justice he tipped nia's favor

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

I'll never forget the expressions on the faces of Makedonia players after losing to Juventus in the grand final, expressions which uncovered a sense of anger, disbelief and utter despondency. Like innocent men convicted of a horrendous crime, they painfully accepted their runners-up status as if they were marching to the gallows.

Croatia caretaker coach Miron Bleiberg would like nothing better than Makedonia to be declared a pronounced favorite by the press. The late Bleiberg wants to put as much pressure as possible on Makedonia yet the fact is that Croatia goes into the final with the stronger ad-

Makedonia already has lost Steve Smith and Ian Dobson through injury. Robbie Campbell, the best defender, is unlikely to be released from his obligations to the national team. There also is doubt about the availability of striker Warren Spink, who has been asked to line up with the national youth team against Western Australia this weekend. What a blow that would be for Makedonia.

As we went to press, Makedonia coach Billy Murray still was trying to decide on his starting line-up. Bill Piculovski looked a good bet to be selected and there's a chance that Borce Momorovski and George Gagie also will line up.

Which would give Croatia a big edge in experience.

Bleiberg, like Murray, is giving little away in the build up to the final.

Heberg has to decide between Gary Ward, Ante Ljubic, Robert Markovic and Greg House for the two striking positions if, as expected, Bleiberg uses a 4-4-2 formation.

My bet is that Ward and Ljubic, who started off in the semi against Juventus, will be given the nod.

That would just about decide Bleiberg's midfield line-up and knowing Keen Makedonia to use three up front, Bleiberg probably will use Ward at the back. The Croatia side then could line up like this: Runje — Rankovic, Miladin, Antolovic, Hannah — Biskic, Campbell, Cristaldo, Gagie — Ljubic, Ward.

The probable Makedonia line-up is much tougher to predict. Let's assume that Dunn is unavailable but that Spink is released from the national youth team. I'll take a punt on this Makedonia line-up: McMillan, Opasins, Piculovski — Illoski, Petrovski, Petkovski, Heyes — Cole, Lane, Spink.

Piculovski is inexperienced. George McMillan has to learn how to challenge properly inside his own penalty area and Con Opasins has been in the field lately — not the criteria for instilling confidence in Makedonia porters.

There's no doubt that Makedonia is at its best going forward.

Makedonia too has much to offer in that department. Biskic and Gojevic, likely wide players in midfield, have talent to burn. Murray is well aware of their capabilities so Zoran Illoski and Graham Heyes will have to defend their defensive duties effectively as well as going forward whenever possible.

Don't think that any newspaper picked Heyes as man-of-the-match against Juventus in the grand final and that staggered me. While everyone raved about Mike Petersen's chips and flicks (don't get me wrong, Petersen is a superb player), the job Heyes did on Robbie Cullen went unnoticed as did the fact that Heyes never wasted a ball. Heyes was buried somewhere in the media hype which flowed freely after Juve's stunning win.

What a battle we're in for when Heyes comes face to face with Biskic! Croatia stopper Dave McIntosh is commanding in the air but Makedonia won't be dumb enough to slash cross after cross into the Croatia penalty area. Makedonia will try and find flaws in McIntosh's game on ground. Lane and Spink are sharp and Cole still is a powerful runner. Croatia's defence will have to be every bit as effective as it was last night.

Bleiberg give a couple of his players man-marking duties that won't worry Makedonia. Cole especially, is such a shrewd and perceptive player, that if he's tagged, he'll work on drawing his man wide and leaving gaps through the middle for Lane or Spink to exploit. Or even one of Makedonia midfielders.

Remember that Makedonia's strength is going forward and Ljube Petrovski (remember him?) already has demonstrated his powerful shooting ability on quite a few occasions over the years.

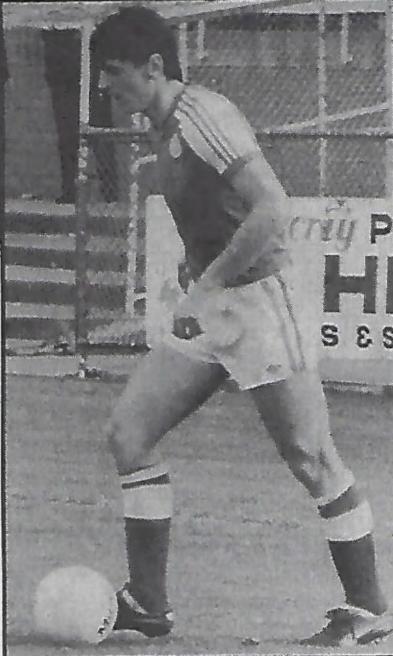
George Petrov could play a decisive role in this final. His confrontation with Jim Campbell could be the key to the outcome.

When you see youngsters like Petrov and Victor Cristaldo establishing themselves in the National League you realise that on the playing side at least, Australian soccer is fairly healthy.

I've gone for Makedonia to win this final. Not with a lot of confidence though, for I've got many, many great memories of spectacular cup final plays over the past six years in which I've been doing this job and most those memories involve Melbourne Croatia.

H'S RECORD

1930 — Footscray Thistle	1957 — Moreland
1931 — Wonthaggi Magpies	1958 — Whelminga
1932 — Footscray Thistle	1959 — George Cross
1933 — Brighton	1960 — Juventus
1934 — Royal Caledonians	1961 — Polonia
1935 — Hakoah	1962 — George Cross
1936 — Royal Caledonians	1963 — J.U.S.T.
1937 — Brighton	1964 — Slavia
1938 — Nobels	1965 — Slavia
1939 — I.C.I. (formerly Noddy)	1966 — Hakoah
1940 — I.C.I.	1967 — Slavia
1941 — Moreland	1968 — Croatia
1942 — Prahran	1969 — Croatia
1943 — Brighton	1970 — Juventus
1944 — Brighton	1971 — Juventus
1945 — Moreland Hakoah	1972 — Juventus
1946 — Prahran	1973 — Hakoah
1947 — South Yarra	1974 — Hellas
1948 — Park Rangers	1975 — Hellas
1949 — Park Rangers	1976 — J.U.S.T.
1950 — Moreland	1977 — Juventus
1951 — J.U.S.T.	1978 — George Cross
1952 — Brighton	1979 — Croatia
1953 — Hakoah	1980 — Croatia
1954 — Hakoah	1981 — Green Gully
1955 — Hakoah	1982 — Green Gully
1956 — Hakoah	1983 — Croatia
	1984 — Fawkner



• Jozo Antolovic — going home.

WHAT A THRILL IT WOULD BE FOR GARY COLE

We've played in two finals this year and although we lost, we played well enough in both games to have won. This is our last chance to win something and all the lads are determined to succeed.

In both the National Cup final and the Southern Division grand final little things happened that turned the games around.

Against Olympic in the Cup final we lost goals through shots taken from outside our penalty area.

In the grand final, Juventus's first goal was because our marking inside our own penalty area had become

disorganised, allowing Juventus to create a goal out of nothing.

These are just a couple of things I picked up from the finals and I'll be talking to the lads about them this week.

What basically impresses me about Croatia is the ability of individuals like Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic. Croatia tries to play a skilful, open sort of game which means

that the final should be well worth watching because in some ways, Makedonia is similar. That should ensure that the game provides entertainment.

Croatia is at its best out wide and loves to attack down the flanks and I was very impressed with its defence against Juventus in the semi-finals. The Croatia defence picked up well around the area and kept things really tight and, of course, Juventus found it hard to create clear cut chances.

Jim Campbell is a fine player when he plays well. Croatia plays well. It's just a pity that some fans either can't see or don't appreciate the work this man does. Jim keeps buzzing about in midfield and up until recently, we've had problems in this area. We're overcoming them now but it's very important that we use our ability to put pressure on Croatia.

What a great thing it will be if Gary Cole can get a winner's medal here, for the big man probably has played in more finals than any other current op-level player in Australia, winning only one — the top four series in 1980 when his former club Heidelberg beat Sydney Hakoah.

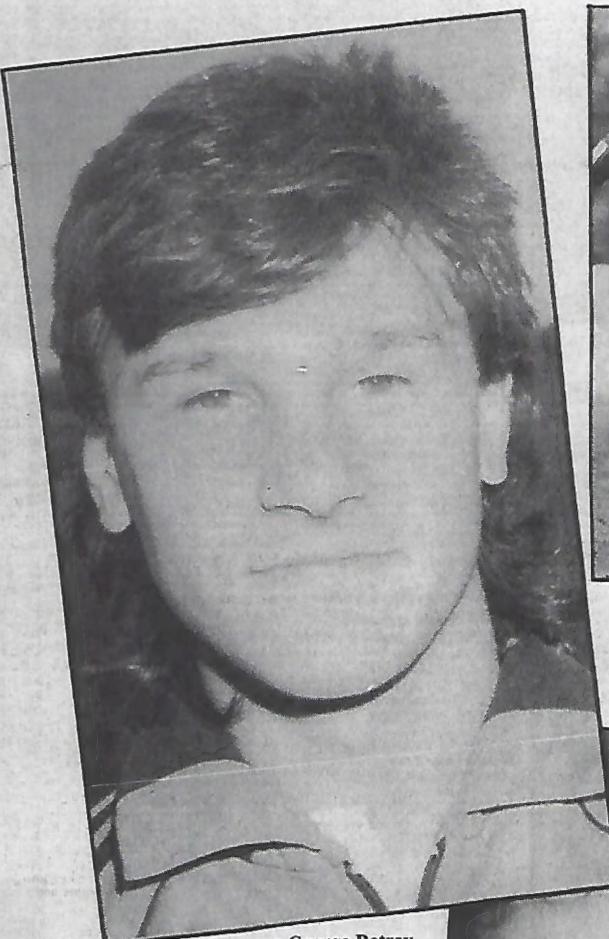
At the start of the year Gary went through an intense period where he had to question himself a lot and find out just where he was going and what he still could offer. He'd coped a bit of stick from the fans the previous year and was missing a few goals. But gradually, it all came back together for him this season. The goals came slowly but all along I've been pleased with his play and just recently he's been scoring regularly.

If all goes to show what sort of character the man has, because no longer does he carry the pressure of being put under the microscope every time he steps onto the park.

The one thing about this Cup final that displeases me is that we'll probably be without Robbie Dunn, because of Australia's match with Taiwan in Sydney on the same day. That annoys me because I would have thought that seeing as how this is the last big match of the season for both Makedonia and Croatia, it should have been better organised so that both sides could be as close to full strength as possible.

Which means that we'll have to change things a wee bit. I'm not going to give anything away though. What we decide to do will be a matter for the players and myself.

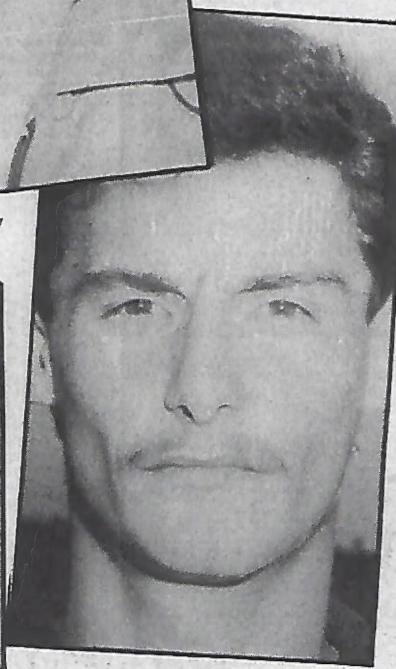
I know the lads are good enough and they're certainly keen enough. I think we'll win the Dockerty Cup.



• Zoran Illoski
(Makedonia)



• Makedonia's Con Opasins (right) against Charlie Egan of Hellas



• Bill Piculovski

Brian Brown, Eddie Campbell and Joe Sweeney played the most NSL league and finals games of the 481 players who figured in the 1985 National League season.

The trio was ever-present in the Brunswick Juventus side which ended up playing 27 matches, 22 league games and five in the finals. It was the busiest programme any side had to meet this year.

Paul Wade also claims the distinction of figuring in all 27 games, but he came on as substitute in the first game of the league campaign, against West Adelaide Hellas on March 10.

For statistical purposes however, Juventus will go down as having three ever-presents.

And that puts it behind Green Gully, South Melbourne Hellas, Sunshine George Cross, Blacktown and St George Budapest in our table of appearances. Those clubs had four players each figuring in the starting line-up in every one of their league and finals commitments this season.

Only two clubs — West Adelaide Hellas and Inter Monaro — did not manage at least one ever-present this season.

The Southern Division managed a total of 28 ever-presents, while the Northern Division had 22.

The South also used less players overall (a total of 237 pulled on jerseys for their clubs at least once), while in the North the total was 244.

Other interesting statistics to come out of the appearances records were that the two relegated clubs, Penrith and Footscray J.U.S.T., were at opposite ends of the scales when it came to the number of players they used.

Penrith used only 16 players, the lowest for any of the 24 clubs.

J.U.S.T. was on top of the list, going through a total of 28 in its bid to avoid the drop.

Of the ever-presents, Tom Karic (J.U.S.T.), who turned 21 this month, was the youngest to achieve the distinction, while goalkeeper Lou Kustner (George Cross) was the oldest, at 38.

The total of 481 players to have made at least one substitute appearance for any of the 24 clubs includes a number who played for more than one team.

They include Tommy Cumming (Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully), Emil Dragicevic (Inter Monaro and Sunshine Croatia), Dave McIntosh (Penrith and Melbourne Croatia) and Det Marton (St George and Wollongong).

Dragicevic also boasts a unique feat of averaging a goal a game in his five appearances for Inter Monaro.

Other players to achieve a similar distinction were Eddie Krncevic,



Peter Desira

who scored three goals in three guest games for Sydney Croatia, and Dave Provan, who managed five in guest appearances for Sydney Olympic.

On the coaching front, 18 out of the 24 clubs saw the season out under one coach, although both Sydney Hakoah and St George had matches under the direction of assistant coaches Mick Hickman and Frank Lang while Eddie Thomson and Frank Arok respectively were overseas on national team assignments.

Brisbane City and Green Gully both used three coaches during the league campaign, although in both cases one was caretaking while the senior coach was indisposed through illness.

At Brisbane City, Tony Buesnel filled in for Jim Hermiston for one match, while Jim Williams took over for three matches while Bobby McLachlan was in hospital.

1985 N.S.L. appearances

Key: First figure denotes full appearances, second figure denotes appearances as substitute, third figure in brackets denotes number of goals scored.

E.g.: Joe Mullen played 20 full games plus two as substitute and scored two goals for Adelaide City Juventus.

Prest - Makedonia (22 lge + 4 finals games)

26 (3) Zoran Iloski
25+1 (5) Sean Lane
25 (1) Robbie Dunn
24 Con Opasinas
23 (1) Ian Dobson
23 Philip Traianedes
22+2 George McMillan
21+1 (8) Gary Cole
20+5 (1) Graham Heys
20 (6) Warren Spink
18+1 (10) Steve Smith
14 Gordon Flavell
11+6 George Petrov
5+1 (1) Ljube Petrovski
3+4 (2) George Gagic
3+2 Bill Piculovski
3 Richard Wilson
(1) own goal
Coach: Bill Murray (26 games)

SM - Hellas (22 lge + 2 finals matches)

24 (21) Charlie Egan
24 (1) Carl Halford
24 Peter Laumets
24 Bobby Russell

Brown, Sweeney and Campbell the busiest



Coaches: Josif Procop (4 games), Frank MacCarone (18 games)

APIA - L'hardt (22 lge games)

22 Mark Brown
21 (3) Tony Morsello
18+2 Bertie Mariani
18+1 (4) Kerry Caban
18 Robert Catlin
16+1 Ian Rowden
16 (1) Terry Butler
16 (2) Tom McCulloch
15 (1) Arno Bertogna
14+1 Jim Hamilton
11+5 (5) Vince Colagiuri
11+1 Robert de Ceglie
10 (1) Tom Steven
8+3 Carlo Spina
7 (1) Joe McBride
7 Glen Sterrey
5+3 Frank Casacchia
4 Bob Parks
2 Dounis
1+13 (2) Tony Genovese
1 Ali Reda
1 Howard Tredinnick
Coach: Fil Bottalico (22 games)

AC — Juventus (22 lge games)

22 (5) Steve Maxwell
22 Bugsy Nyskohus
22 (6) Charlie Villani
21 Willie McNally
20+2 (2) Joe Mullen
20 Neville Flounders
18+3 (1) Adrian Santrac
18 (4) Brian Northcote
17 (2) Sergio Meita
12 Alex Tobin
10+1 Joe Cecere
9+1 Mike Donnelly
9+1 (2) Aurelio Vildmar
8+2 (3) Peter Rankin
7+7 (2) Fortu Costanzo
3+3 Ernie Luongo
2 (1) Zoran Karadzic
1+1 Colin MacAdam
1 Steve Niscoll
0+1 Colin Miller
Coach: Edmund Kreft (22 games)

Brisbane City (22 lge games)

22 (2) Gary Bromfield
22 Kim Wishart
21 (2) Frank Mengotti
21 Billy Wilkinson
20+2 (2) Luciano Fabrizio
20 Mike Milovanovic
19+2 (6) Alan Reis
19 (4) Bobby Hamilton
15+4 (1) Ray Junna
13 (2) Frank Pimblett
12+3 (3) Peter Carey
11+8 (2) Lee Scriggins
9+7 (1) Steve Glickner
8+2 Glen Archer
5+2 Roberto Lettieri
2+1 Andrew Chapman
2+1 Russel Robinson
1 Andy Hodgeson
0+2 Kerry Felsch
0+1 Paul Schiavo
Coaches: Tony Lowndes (4 games), Tony Buesnel (1 game), Jim Hermiston (17 games)

Brisbane Lions (22 lge games)

22 (5) John Stewart
21 Wayne Evans
21 (2) John Ogden
20+1 (3) Alan Hunter



• Jim Patikas of Sydney Croatia, national Rothmans Medallist of 1985.

BU - Juventus (22 lge + 5 finals matches)

27 Brian Brown
27 Eddie Campbell
27 (10) Joe Sweeney
26+1 (4) Paul Wade
26 Yakkie Banovic
25 (4) Robert Cullen
25 John Dowie
25 (6) Mike Petersen
24 (1) Peter Lewis
20+3 (1) Richard Miranda
20+2 (5) Fab Incantalupo
18+3 (8) Andrew Zinni
2+1 Paul Drinoczyk
2+1 Mehmet Durakovic
1+1 Reno Minichello
1 Frank Geremis
1 Sean Keogh
0+2 Joe Palatsidis
Coach: John Margaritis (27 games)

Blacktown (22 lge games)

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 19 Kyrie Kyriakouleas
 18 Dennis Boland
 17+1 (4) Vlatko Belic
 16 Don MacLeod
 13+3 (1) Joe Carroll
 13+1 Rade Barjaktarevic
 11+3 (2) Bill Lazopoulos
 10 Brian O'Donnell
 9+2 (2) Jamie Paton
 8 (2) Jadranko Kodjo
 7+2 Branko Buljevic
 7 Suleiman Curovic
 7 Ilijia Taseski
 5+2 (2) Milan Stojilovic
 5 (1) Luka Bonacic
 3 Mark Turudia
 2+1 Dragan Janic
 2+1 Emil Petrov
 1+2 Theo Vagias
 1+1 Slobodan Stojcevski
 1 Branislav Jovic
 1 Graham Tutill
 1 Zoran Vlajnic
 0+2 Arel Perez-Reigosa
 0+1 Milan Durdevic
 Coaches: Cedo Cirkovic (5 games) Rocco Iile (17 games)

Green Gully (22 lge games)

22 Lou Denys
 22 (4) Claude Lucchesi
 22 Steve McLellan
 22 (2) Jim Williams
 20 (10) Paul Lewis
 18 Andrew Young
 17+1 Stuart Cannell
 17 (3) George Campbell
 15+1 (3) David Smallman
 14+1 David Hogben
 13+2 Kevin Lloyd
 11+5 Ken Smart
 11+4 Willie Vassallo
 11 Jim Murray
 6 (1) Tommy Cumming
 1+1 Robert Krajacic
 0+3 Andrew McKenna
 (1) own goal
 Coaches: Bobby McLachlan (12 games) Steve Short (7 games) Jim Williams (3 games)



• Drago Deankovic of Melbourne Croatia climbs high above Juventus goalkeeper Sean Keogh. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



• Former England captain Kevin Keegan, guesting for Blacktown, is hemmed in by Sydney Croatia opponents, from left: Tom Basic, Bruno Vidic and Vedran Rozic.

H'berg-Alexander (22 lge + 2 finals matches)

24 Ian MacKie
 24 Jeff Oliver
 24 (3) Theo Selemidis
 23 Steve Marley
 23 (11) Stuart Stevenson
 23 (1) Charlie Yankos
 22 Joe Angele
 21+2 (6) Steve Tassios
 17+3 (1) Steve Winn
 15 George Christopoulos
 14+3 (2) Mike Valentine
 11+6 John Metaxas
 10+2 (2) Scott Patterson
 10 (3) Peter Isolakis
 24 John Gabrielson
 1 Chris Katsakidis
 0+1 Nick Deligiannis
 Coach: Brian Garvey (24 games)

Melb Croatia (22 lge + 1 finals match)

23 (3) Jozo Antolovic
 22+1 (9) Gary Ward
 21 (1) Drago Deankovic
 20 George Hannah
 20 Mirko Runje
 19+1 (2) Steve Gojevic
 16+2 Tony Curcio
 18+1 (3) Josip Biskic
 15+1 (3) Jim Campbell
 13 (1) Tommy Cumming
 13 Shaun Parton

Marconi (22 lge + 4 finals matches)

25 (2) Paul Carter
 25 (2) Tony Henderson
 25 (9) David Lowe
 24 (13) Rod Brown
 24 (4) Ian Gray
 24 Craig Mason
 24 Peter Tredinnick
 23+1 (1) Steve Calderan
 21 Alex McPherson
 21 Lee Sterry
 18+2 (15) Mark Jankovics
 13 Joe Rizotto
 6+8 (1) Peter Sharne

5+6 Martin Driene
 5+1 Bruce James
 3+6 (1) Geoff Gunning
 0+3 Ian Reid
 0+1 Genc
 Coach: Les Scheinflug (26 games)

Newc — Rosebud (22 lge games)

22 Ralph Maier
 21 Mike Boogard
 21 Clint Gosling
 21 (3) Joe Senkalski
 20 (3) John McQuarrie
 17 (1) David Jones
 17 (2) Neil Owens
 15 Mark Jones
 14 (1) Bernard Kerky
 13+2 (2) Derek Todd
 13+1 Simon Brandt
 12+5 (1) Dino Milosevic
 12+4 (5) Darren Stewart
 12 Andrew Thompson
 41 Bobby Naumov
 4 (1) Neville Power
 2 (1) Malcolm McLelland
 1&1 Brett Fawkes
 1 Dorman
 0+1 Terry Mason
 Coach: Willie Gallagher (22 games)

Penrith City (22 lge games)

22 Peter Brogan
 22 Mike Gibson
 21 Mike Cross
 20 (2) Jeff Ainsworth
 19+3 (3) Rene Licata
 19+1 (3) Ian Wotherspoon
 19 (2) Don Campbell
 18+1 Bobby Hebb
 16 (1) Brian Jackson
 15+5 (6) Randell Easthorpe
 15+5 (3) Ian Hunter
 14+5 Mike Toohey
 13+1 (3) Peter Jones
 7 Dave McIntosh
 2+2 Carone
 0+5 David Shute
 Coaches: Willie Wallace (21 games) Arthur Townsend (1 game).

St. Geo. Budapest (22 lge + 1 finals match)

23 Terry Greedy
 23 (1) John O'Shea
 23 (2) David Ratcliffe
 23 David Skeen
 22 Mike O'Shea
 21+1 (6) Robbie Slater
 17+2 (3) Andrew Kocza
 16+2 (4) Chris Bozanic
 15+3 (1) Pedro Ricov
 13+6 (3) Roy Cotton
 13+1 Peter Stone
 13 (8) Trevor Morgan
 10+9 (2) Peter Petkovski
 10+1 Steve Green
 7+4 (1) Mark Barton
 2 Robert O'Shea
 1+6 Dez Marton
 1 Ossie Ardiles
 0+1 Chris Highe
 Coaches: Frank Arok (22 games), Frank Lang (1 game)

SC — Hakoah (22 lge + 3 finals matches)

26 Jim Cant
 25+1 (6) Grant Lee
 25 Alec Robertson
 25 (2) Joe Watson
 23 (8) Gerry Gomez
 23 Tony Pezzano
 22 (9) John Kosmina
 21+1 (4) Murray Barnes
 21 (1) Steve O'Connor
 20+1 (12) Frank Farina
 14+2 (1) Jean Paul de Marigny
 10+4 (1) Graham Fletcher
 9+4 Ean Rodrigues
 8+2 Paul Kay
 5+3 Peter Falconer
 5 (1) David Mitchell
 3 Todd Clarke
 1+3 Keith Falconer
 0+1 Foxman
 1+1 Graham Patterson
 Coaches: Eddie Thomson (23 games), Mick Hickman (3 games)

24 Graham Jennings
 23 (4) Peter Raskopoulos
 21 Gary Meier
 20+3 (2) Stuart Johnson
 18+2 (6) Chris Kalantzis
 18 Martyn Rogers
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 11 Stankovic
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 9+1 (2) Simon Ogun
 24 Vedran Rozic

Sydney Croatia (22 lge + 3 finals matches)

25 (12) Graham Arnold
 16 (16) Jim Patikas
 24 Vedran Rozic



• Footscray J.U.S.T.'s talented utility player Tom Karic (right) tangles with BU-Juventus striker Joe Sweeney.

23 (4) Zarko Odzakov
 22 (6) Zeljko Jurin
 21+1 Tom Basic
 20+2 (2) David Rezo
 19+2 (2) Marijan Kovacic
 19 (1) Bruno Vidic
 19 (1) Wally Savor
 16 Greg Woodhouse
 12+3 (2) Shane Clinch
 9 Steve Watson
 7+4 Alex Krkovic
 6+6 Drago Tomasich
 5+11 (1) Emil Dragicevic
 3 (3) Eddie Krkovic
 1 Brett Woods
 0+4 Joe Caletta
 0+1 Kero
 0+1 Steve Meades
 Coach: Vedran Rozic (25 games)

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 9+1 (2) Simon Ogun
 8+7 (1) Akthar Sivinos

85 (1) Mark Koussas
 5+1 Nick Theodorakopoulos
 5 (5) Dave Provan
 3+6 (2) Chris Pollas
 3+2 G. Haniotis
 3 Bill Landos
 2+1 Tony Dakos
 0+1 Mazzotta
 0+1 Zirvas
 Coach: Manfred Schaefer (24 games)

Wollongong (22 lge games)

22 (4) Peter Willis
 21 (3) Alex Bundalo
 21 David Green
 20+1 (3) Bernie Godzik
 20 (2) Scott Dickson
 19 (3) Zivko Hristovski
 17+5 (1) Peter Kotamanidis
 13+1 Larry Gaffney
 12+2 Phil Kerr
 11+1 (3) Domenic Giannone
 11 (2) Dez Marton
 10+7 (5) Pat Brodin
 10 Sean Billington
 10 Ray Vleitstra
 6+2 Brian Condran
 6 Natch Vardareff
 6 Kiri Velkov
 4 Phil Matias
 2+3 (2) Radi Stefanovski
 1 Nees
 0+1 Craig Baker
 0+1 Tony Corradini
 0+1 Ruskin
 Coach: Adrian Alston (22 games)



• Charlie Villani signals to the crowd at the Athletic Sports Field after scoring against South Melbourne Hellas, whose goalkeeper Peter Laumets and sweeper John Yzendoorn are left in his wake.

Meko Holdings

• Meko Holdings line-up before the 1985 Black Douglas Cup final. Back row: Blagoja Petrovski, Tom Taseski, Billy Popovski, Mendo Dolevski, Brian McTaggart, Jim Trachevski, Vlado Dolevski (coach), Ljube Dolevski. Front row: Con Terpos (captain), Victor Donis, Tode Stojcevski, David Trachevski (mascot), Cane Petrovski, Kirste Zdravevski, Peter Gusevski.



WINNERS OF THE '85 BLACK DOUGLAS CUP

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE



• Meko captain Con Terpos holds up the 1985 Black Douglas Cup as he makes his victory speech.

Meko Holdings, the oldest First Division member of the Industrial and Amateur League of Victoria, capped a great season by winning the Black Douglas Cup final recently.

Meko defeated Keilor Old Boys 3-1 in a fiery final to win its first ever Industrial League honor.

The two men behind Meko's success are player-coach Vlado Dolevski and stopper Jim Trachevski, whose company sponsors the team.

Trachevski came to Australia in 1966 and played with Forrest United in Queensland. He moved to Victoria in the late 1960s and when Meko Holdings took over Repco Richmond, which has been in the Industrial League for five years, Trachevski set about making his club one of the strongest in the competition. It was in 1975 that the club became known as Meko Holdings.

Meko Holdings currently is playing in the Macedonian Cup and got off to a flying start in its quest to win that trophy when it defeated West Geelong Macedonia 12-2 two weeks ago. The Macedonian Cup involves eight teams split into two groups. Group A: West Geelong Macedonia, Preston Macedonia, Footscray Vardar and Footscray Ilinden. Group B: Lalor United Sloga, Meko Holdings, Altona Gate Vardar and Whittlesea Beranica.

But back to Meko's Black Douglas Cup success. Meko's scorers in the final were Brian McTaggart, Vlado Dolevski and Tom Taseski.

Let's have a look at the men who made Meko mighty in 1985.

BLAGOJA PETROVSKI: Goalkeeper. Formerly with Whittlesea, joined Meko this year and

although carrying an injury for most of the season, only missed one match.

CON TERPOS: Defender and captain. Is the longest serving player at Meko having played with the club's predecessor Repco Richmond. Has a fine understanding of the game and is an excellent clubman.

PETER GUSEVSKI: Defender. Formerly with Preston Macedonia and has been with Meko for seven years. He used to be a left winger but has been switched to left back for the past two seasons. A skilful ball player with fine disposal.

JIM TRACHEVSKI: Defender. Has played in every back four position but for the past two seasons has been stopper. Aggressive and very good in the air. Also a very hard trainer.

CANE PETROVSKI: Defender. Has been with Meko for 10 years and is one of the finest sweepers in First Division. A former Preston Macedonia player.

TODE STOJCEVSKI: Utility. Used mainly in midfield this season. Is in his first year with Meko after joining on a free transfer from Lalor United Sloga. A very solid player.

VLADO DOLEVSKI: Player-coach. Is in his 10th season in that role and his 11th season with Meko. Formerly played with Pelister in Yugoslavia and Preston Macedonia.

BRIAN McTAGGART: Midfielder. The only Scot in the team. Joined Meko this year in unusual circumstances. Was on his way by train to try out with Thomastown, newly promoted to State League, when he saw the Meko lads training, so he cut

short his journey and joined in. Subsequently, he signed for Meko and has had an outstanding season. Returns to Scotland in February for a couple of months but Meko is hopeful that he will rejoin the club.

TOM TASESKI: Forward. Formerly with Heidelberg Alexander and has played in the National League. Joined Meko last year from Lalor United Sloga for a \$2,000 transfer fee. Was one of the top scorers in the First Division this year with 37 goals.

MENDO DOLEVSKI: Midfielder. Came to Australia three years ago and joined Meko. One of the strongest players in the team. Very competitive and an uncompromising tackler. He's the ball winner in midfield and was named Man of the Match after the Black Douglas Cup final.

BILLY POPOVSKI: Forward. Formerly with Preston Macedonia. Joined Meko from Lalor United Sloga this year and although playing as a winger, scored 29 goals this year. The youngest player in the first team and the penalty kick taker.

LJUBE DOLEVSKI: Brother of Mendo and is in his first year with Meko. Hasn't had a lot of chances to play in the firsts this year but if he continues to develop could command a regular first team spot next year.

KIRSTE ZDRAVESKI: In his first year with Meko but like Ljube Dolevski has found it hard to break into the firsts. His chance will come however.

VICTOR DONIS: Goalkeeper. Formerly with Northcote and Preston Macedonia. One of the best goalkeepers in the Industrial League last season but was sidelined after he broke his jaw playing against TAA. Returned to the playing arena late this season.

Meet the men who made the club mighty



• C. Petrovski



• Terpos



• Gusevski



• Trachevski



• B. Petrovski



• Stojcevski



• V. Dolevski



• McTaggart



• Taseski



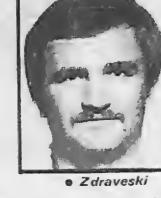
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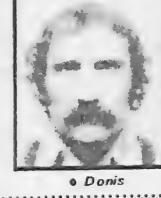
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• Zdravevski



• Donis

Top players in Knox World Cup

The third successive Victorian all-nations cup competition will be held at Egan Lee Reserve, Knoxfield, from November 9 to December 8.

The competition was revived by State League club Knox City in 1983, when "England" beat "Holland" in the final. The competition's predecessor, the Laidlaw World Cup, drew huge crowds in the late fifties and early sixties.

The Victorian Soccer Federation ran the competition last season, but responsibility has reverted to Knox City.

Medibank Private and Leader Newspapers are sponsoring the 1985 series, for seniors and juniors (under 14s).

Players represent their countries of origin in the competition.

Some of the top players involved include: Mike Petersen, Emil Bruns, Kees Storm (Holland), Paul Drinoczyk (Hungary), Saisai Kebede, Ermias Wondimu, Gary Groenewald, Richard Miranda, Bill Williams (Africa), Ken Taylor, Don Macleod, Jim MacLean, Stuart Stevenson (Scotland), Kyrie Kyriakouleas, Aki Kotzamachis, Peter Tsolakis, John Metaxas, Steve Tasiotis (Heidelberg-Alexander).

The groups are:

GROUP A: Australia, Argentina, West Germany, Spain.

GROUP B: Yugoslavia, England, Uruguay, Wales.

GROUP C: Scotland, Greece, Chile, Hungary.

GROUP D: Malta, Africa, Italy, Holland.

The junior groups are:

GROUP A: Australia (1), Yugoslavia, Argentina, Chile.

GROUP B: Scotland, Italy, Greece, Hungary.

GROUP C: England, World, South America and one team to be named.

GROUP D: Holland, Malta, Australia (2), Rest of World.

Eight games, junior and senior, will be played on each competition day leading up to the finals which start on November 30.

A wind-up social night will be held at Hunter's Lodge, Croydon on December 8.

Squads known so far are:

GREECE: Coach Manny Poulakakis, manager Lambros Kardamitis; Nick Drougas, Arthur Akrilidis, Costa Theodosopoulos, Lou Theodos, Steve Tasiotis, Peter Tsolakis, Manny Anezakis, Aki Kotzamachis, Pepe Alvarado, George Karayannidis, Spiros Prostecopoulos, Theo Selemidis, Kris Kalafatis, Spiro Kardamitis, Socrates Nicolaides, Peter Vardaxis, Bill Lazopoulos, Steve Kakantoni, Phil Diamataris, Kyri Kyriakouleas, John Giannopoulos, Mike Laletas, George Kalogerous, Joe Palatsidis, Arthur Patimots.

AUSTRALIA: Coach Duncan Smith is trying to get together a squad of former Socceroos including Gary Cole, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, Peter Ollerton, Branko Kuljevic etc. They are asked to contact Smith on 729 5875 as soon as possible.

HOLLAND: (as on photograph), back from left: Gerry Bakker (manager), Mark Bakker, Johan Hogenberg, Fred Hoogland, John Remmers, Nick Tjeenk Willink, Kees Stuurman, Mark Feldmann, John Luyten, Kees Storm, Michael Petersen, Jack van Baar, Tony van Baar, Rick Jansen, Robby Lange, Martin Bosland, Emil Bruns, John van Ditteren, Ron Kremer.

SPAIN: (as on photograph) rear: V. Sanz, D. Sanz, J. Grobas, F. Zambrano, J. Lopez, F. Company, M. Barroso, B. Miranda, J. Tato (coach). Middle: E. Ecija (Team selector), M. Ferrer, D. Cervera, J. Gracia, A. Ruiz, C. Ecija, T. Sanchez (selector). Front: C. Ferrer, R. Fernandez, F. Hueso, T. Calle.

WALES: W. Thomas (T/Mgr), C. Egan, D. Hennedy, G. Darch, T. Phillips, J. Thomas, W. Thomas, K. Alexander, D. Mead, D. Jones (coach), K. Roberts, P. Reece.

HUNGARY: Karoly Szabo, Antal Ambrus, Joe Vonja, Paul Drinoczyk, Tibor Drinoczyk, Janos Pallo, Robert Erdes, Tibor Hagymarosi, Laszlo Nagy, Mihaly Garai, Ferenc Gulyas, Ferenc Varga, Istvan Baloghi, Karoly Erdes, Simon Guerman, Ferenc Erdoni, Steve Birovinski, Steve Henku, Joe Kiss, Joe Biro, Steve Toth, Any Kovacs (T/Mgr).

CHILE: Juan Gallo (coach), Roberto Elicer

(1/Mgr), Benito Sandovar, Juan Carlos Gallo, Luis Lopez, Ricardo Marcelo Castillo, Ricardo Diaz, Carlos Lizama, Jorge Santander, Herver Castillo, Fernando Gonzalez, Miguel Romero.

AFRICA: Harry Chalkitis (coach), Gary Clayton, Mark Bunce, Richard Miranda, Paul Johnston, Graeme Haupt, John Gabrielson, Billy Rogers, Jonathan Groenewald, Micki Haupt, Gary Groenewald (T/Mgr), Terry Mooney, Alan Lenders, Noel Cupido, Saisai Kebede, Ermias Wondimu, James Rogers, Don Lawler, Kelvin Lawler.

MALTA: G. E. Buttigieg (T/Mgr), C. Buttigieg (Asst. T/Mgr), T. Mori (coach), R. Buttigieg, J. Tzouvelis, S. Waite, J. Waite, J. Vesco, E. Papagorgian, I. Wallace, J. Carabin, J. Gauet, M. Calleja, J. Camilleri, J. Elmi, J. Grech, J. O'Neil, G. Panpanella, B. van Poel, P. Għadha.

SCOTLAND: Bob Brian (T/Mgr), Bill Whiteside, Robbie Bryan, Billy Bingham, Ken Taylor, Don McLeod, Watson, Finlay, Jim Maclean, Alastair Dick, Joe Sweeney, Ian Stirton, Jim Nelson, McDonald, Douglas, Webster, Irvine, Stuart Stevenson, Kit Greenchan, Brian Brown, Eddie Campbell (if available).

GREECE: (as on photograph) Back: Kyriakopoulos, S. Megas, P. Nikolakopoulos, M. Manolas, C. Karayiakos, A. Zacharias, G. Mangonis, M. Kosmas. Middle row, G. Kopoulos, B. Kopoulos. Front row: A. Goutsiolis, S. Kollevris, C. Perdikaris, J. Koutsivas, A. Tsimiklis, P. Kalogeratos.

ENGLAND: Standing: Richard Brown, Anthony Cogswell, Spencer Field, Jason Ashworth, Mark Garthwaite, Spencer Jones, Lee Settle, Johnny Lampton. Seated: Richard Brett, Dean Carroll, Neil Frain, Art Schreiber, Stephen Roddis, Jamie Prinsen. (Back row) Billy Brindle (coach). (Seated) Dave Dunks (Team manager).

ITALY: Back row: S. Marinucci, M. Rinnovato, T. Sesia, P. de Propertis, J. Gasparini, P. Didonato, R. Salvatore, B. Terzoni (coach), R. Monaco, A. Garipoli, R. Bianco, A. Boukas, M. Terzigni, J. Costabile (Asst. Mgr.), L. Sanelli, R. Santilli, P. Perri, F. Giordano, S. Emmanuel. (Not on photo: R. Costabile T/Mgr).

ARGENTINA: Back row: Humberto Navarro (coach), Alejandro Gauna, Paolo Battifora, Adrian Olguin, Piero Bafforà, Julio Machuca (T/Mgr). Front row: Alejandro Machuca, Gustavo Olguin, Leo Cagliari, Julian Navarro, John Kajergaris.

AUSTRALIA (I) (as photograph) Back row: Alan Heath (T/Mgr), Vince Pansino, Frank Taiti, Trevor Meyer, Hissi Skendrovic, Ashley Bullock, Roger Bullock (coach). Front row: Pat Grancourt, George Tidd, Ian Ramshaw, Gabbi Alonso, Matthew Rashent, Paul Vidic, Mark Acherman, Cameron Heath, Michael Warrens.

SOUTH AMERICA: (as photograph) Back row: M. Yanez (coach), H. Gonzalez, B. Galculo, P. Gutierrez, I. Vieira, G. Olguin. Front row: R. Vargas, V. de la PLAZA, C. Espinoza, B. Duarte, L. Goncalves, B. Machado, A. Olguin.

AUSTRALIA (II): Back row: Adam Smith, Simon Jarvis, David Holwell, Marcel Nassar, Justin Rosell, Adam Ward, Chris Janssen. Seated: Ron Turcicovic (coach), Matthew Sullivan, Nathan Rogers, Johnny Brown, Jamie Chester, Bryn Duffon, Gary Holwell (T/Mgr). Front: David Morgan, Justin Rudcock.

HUNGARY: Anton Balasa, Michael Gaal, Ken Solomon, Simon Mamic, David Takacs, Engelbert Schmidt (T/Mgr), Michael Mazzini, David Marfry, Robert Balogh, Frank Bot, Rodney Kiss, Les sGaal Stewart, Jason Frew, Davil Kelly.

SCOTLAND: (as photograph) Back row: Jason Kelly, Jamie McMinimee, John Morrison, Michael Kelly, Daniel McMinimee, Cameron Brown, Loughlan Rowley. Front row: Alex Rae, Robert Cooper, Andrew Cooper, Jim Scullion, Craig Lewis, Jamie Stewart, Jason Frew, Davil Kelly.

HOLLAND: Back row: Brett Chalmers, Helden Heereveld, Chris Nieuwenhuizen, Bas Bosscheriet, Brendan Mur, Daniel Bohnenkamp. Seated: Dick van Aphel (coach), Laurens de Jonge, Tony Hermus, Janus Moks, Adam Teuwen, Agnes Moks (T/Mgr).

MALTA: Back row: S. Cauchi, D. Alimi, D. Page, D. Pace, D. Fenex, J. Bajada, P. Grimaud. Front row: M. Grimaud, R. Sciortino, J. Mifsud, J. Boravia, K. Millia, W. Attari.



• Wales senior team



• Holland senior team



• Spanish senior team



• The Greek selection



• The South American Juniors



• Hungary's junior squad



• The Greek juniors



• The junior representatives of Yugoslavia



• The Australia (I) junior squad



• Scotland's junior selection

WORLD CUP

Algeria qualified for the Mexico World Cup finals by beating Tunisia 3-0 (halftime 2-0) in the return leg of the African Zone last round in Algiers.

Algeria, which crushed Tunisia 4-1 in the first leg, qualified on a 7-1 aggregate score.

Score: Madjer (76), Meaud (56), Yahi (79). Attendance: 88,000.

In Rabat, Morocco qualified for the Mexico World Cup finals by defeating host nation 1-0 (halftime 1-0) by Libya in the return leg of the African Zone last round played in Benghazi.

Morocco won the first leg 3-0 in Rabat on a aggregate score of 3-0, an aggregate score of 3-0.

In 1978, Morocco reached the World Cup finals held in Mexico.

MERLION CUP

Yugoslavia, the favorite in the Merlion Cup Soccer Tournament, defeated Indonesia 1-0 in Singapore.

Indonesia's Hussain opened the Yugoslav attack in the 19th minute.

Damir Vrancic scored four times to win the 2,000-dollar trophy. His goals came in the 21st, 42nd, 45th and 57th minutes. Zoran Pavlovic scored in the 34th and 61st minutes, Benard Karai in the 73rd, and Slobodan Obradovic and Nebojsa Djordjevic in the 80th.

Mer. Salić scored Indonesia's only goal in the 70th minute of the game.

Yugoslavia trounced Brunei 5-0 in the second round.

The Yugoslavians, represented by their youth team, had five 1988 Olympic prospects, led 3-0 at half time.

Their scorers were Vrancic (24th minute), Slobodan Obradovic and Pavlovic (60th minute).

They will now take on the West German Amateur club side Eintracht Frankfurt in the second semifinal tomorrow (Thursday) finished third in the first semi-final today.

The first semi-final today (Wednesday) will meet Singapore.

Attendance: 20,000.

W D L F A Pts

Yugoslavia ... 5 0 0 24 6 15 0

Singapore ... 4 0 1 11 3 8 6

Frankfurt ... 2 0 2 8 3 10 4

Malaysia ... 2 0 2 8 3 10 4

Indonesia ... 2 0 2 8 3 10 4

Brunei ... 0 0 5 3 16 0

INTERNATIONALS

In LNZ, Yugoslavia beat Austria 3-0

(halftime 2-0) in a friendly.

Score: Todorov 2 (11th, 65th mins), Mirković 1 (45th).

In GLASGOW Scotland and East Germany drew 0-0 in a friendly.

Attendance: 41,114.

TURKEY

Fenerbahce 1, Galatasaray 2, Sarıyer 0, Ankaragücü 0, Giresunspor 2

Trabzonspor 1, Ataşehir 1, Denizlispor 1, Zonguldakspor 1, Kayserispor 1

Trabzonspor 1, Malatyaspor 2, Sakaryaspor 0, Marmara 0, Bursaspor 0.

W D L F A Pts

Eskişehirspor ... 5 0 2 2 18 8 10

Sarıyer ... 5 0 2 2 18 8 10

Ankaragücü ... 3 4 0 12 7 10

Galatasaray ... 3 4 0 8 3 10

GREECE

PAAK 0 Panathinaikos 1, Olympiakos 2, Iraklis 2, PAOK 0 Aris 2, Paok 2, Ares 2, Zenith 2, Olimpiakos 2, PAOK 0 Panathinaikos 0, Apollon Kalamata 1 Ethnikis 1, ALEX 2, Lassana 1.

W D L F A Pts

Panathinaikos ... 4 2 1 10 10 10

Aris ... 4 2 1 10 10 10

Zenith ... 4 2 1 10 10 10

Olympiakos ... 4 2 1 10 10 10

PAOK ... 4 2 1 10 10 10

PAOK 0 Panathinaikos 0, Apollon Kalamata 1 Ethnikis 1, ALEX 2, Lassana 1.

W D L F A Pts

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